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A FULL MORNING'S WORK — Water is so scarce in northern Ghana that women scoop the muddy runoff from a nearby holding tank in Gambaga.

Mission will dig wells

Five hours for a bucket of water

By Donald D. Martin

GAMBAGA, Ghana (BP) — Before the Ghanaian sun has burned off the morning's dew, Saada has stood in line five hours for a bucket of water.

For Saada, a woman in her mid-30s, waking each day before dawn for a trip to the well is a way of life during west Africa's dry season.

"I try to come to the well early in the morning, before the sun is up," she says. "If you're lucky, you can get a barrel full. But the men who take water with their tankers and those who draw water to sell come first.

Sometimes many will come and I will sit all day waiting.

"Each year the dry season makes my life very difficult. I'm not able to care for my children. Sometimes by the time I get water and then cook the food, I'm too tired to eat."

Saada must draw her water from a well that's the main source of water for more than 10,000 people in the northern Ghanaian town of Gambaga. Fights over water are so common at the well men with canes and long switches patrol the queues of women.

"For us to ignore something like this would be shameful," insists missionary Mike Walker from Ewing, Ill., director of the Ghana Baptist Mission's Three-Phase Project. "Once you become aware of a situation like this, you have to respond. That's exactly what we hope to do with this new project of drilling deep water wells."

It's easy to see how fights between frustrated and fatigued women can break out over one's place in line, Walker observes.

Martin writes for FMB.

His eyes got big: 'you know where MC is?'

By Stanley D. Stamps

When David Shofner arrived in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, on July 15, to begin his first term as a missionary church planter, he had no idea, to say nothing about intentions, that the very next day he would enter a hospital for emergency gall bladder surgery. But that's exactly what happened and it's not the only surprise that awaited him and his wife Myra.

Having been a successful pastor in Mississippi (Little Yazoo Church in Yazoo County) and Florida (West Pensacola Baptist Church) during the previous 32 years, and after over a year out of the pulpit, David was more than ready to undertake his new assignment. And now this!

Even though his recovery was complete, he began to suffer from symptoms of bursitis. He was recommended to see a physician for physical therapy.

In the waiting room awaiting his turn for therapy, David met "an elderly gentleman who sat down and started speaking English." He spoke good English which surprised David, since many who speak English as a second language usually do not speak it quite so clearly. David decided to ask him where he had learned English. To which the gentleman responded, "at this little college in Mississippi."

"It wasn't Mississippi College, was it?" inquired David. "His eyes got big and he looked at me in disbelief," recalls Shofner.

"You know where Mississippi College is?" was the man's surprised response.

Thus it was that two MC alumni met in a physician's waiting room in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. It turns out that David's new found friend is Dr. Juan Bueso, who attended Mississippi College in the late 1940s. He told David that he was only 19 years old when his father sent him from Honduras to Mississippi College to study. It was there that he learned to speak English. He was also a pre-med student, and as he recalled earned "the only 'A'" in a class under Dr. Sadler. Having graduated from Mississippi College, Dr. Bueso returned to Honduras, where he earned his degree in medicine from the National University of Honduras in Tegucigalpa. He has been practicing medicine there ever since.

David, too, studied under Dr. Sadler, and recalls that "some how I got into one of his pre-med classes. I was the only preacher-boy in there. It was the toughest class of my life; but too, one of the most interesting." He still remembers one of the questions on the final exam: "Trace food that you eat through the human body and describe all that happens to it."

David will now be involved in providing spiritual nourishment as a church planter in Honduras. He has the added joy of having found a fellow "MC Choctaw" living in the city where he lives. In addition to David and Dr. Bueso, David's wife Myra is a graduate of Mississippi College, as is Stanley Stamps, their missionary colleague.

Stamps is press representative of the Honduras Mission.

Southeastern student rebuilds seminary's stone wall

By Stephen N. Rummage

Wake Forest, NC — On first sight of Southeastern Seminary, the observer is struck by the beauty of the campus — the towering steeple of Binkley Chapel, the stately symmetry of Stealey Hall, the quiet elegance of the magnolia trees. But perhaps the most notable feature of the seminary is the rock wall that surrounds it.

Time, wind, and rain have eroded the stone wall. Rocks have fallen; stones crumbled. Cars have damaged it in some spots. In others, large trucks passing have vibrated the wall to bits as they have stopped at traffic lights. In many places, ivy has covered the wall to the point that the stones are barely visible.

Last December, Doug Buttram, a second-year master of divinity student at Southeastern, began restoring the wall. He should complete the project just in time for his graduation.

"I just kind of fell into the job," Buttram says. "I started out patching some of the wall near Mackie Hall, but we saw that patching wasn't going to be sufficient." So Doug began tearing down the old structure completely, redigging the footings in some areas to make the new wall more sturdy, and rebuilding the entire stone wall section by section.

Buttram is rebuilding the wall the way it was originally constructed.

Tom Jeffries, a janitor at Wake Forest College from 1884 until 1927 who was lovingly nicknamed "Dr. Tom" by students, started work on the original wall, says James Blackmore, emeritus professor of Associate of Divinity studies at Southeastern. Dr. Tom would stack stones he found on the campus lawn around the gate posts of the wooden fence that once surrounded the college.

Later, Charles E. Taylor, president of the college, 1884-1905, encouraged Dr. Tom to place the stones in a wall and called in other men to help him. Farmers brought stones by the wagon-load to the seminary.

"... we are living stones ..."

Dr. Tom and the other workers constructed the wall by simply laying one stone on top of the other, using no mortar or cement. This is called dry-laid stone masonry. Buttram says that vice-president of internal affairs Paul Fletcher made the decision to rebuild the wall using original methods.

Crafting ill-fitting stones of various sizes into a uniform-looking wall can be a tough job. Buttram, who had no

previous experience in masonry, struggles at times to make all of the pieces fit together.

Buttram wears out one pair of leather gloves a week working on the wall. He goes slowly, setting goals for himself of about 12 feet of wall per day. "If I do 15 feet one day, I'll only have enough strength to do eight the next, so it all evens out," he says.

When Buttram completes his work, the wall will look as it did the day Dr. Tom finished it. The only changes are at the front corner of campus, where the wall has been rounded off and a new sign for the seminary has been placed.

The wooden fence that used to surround the campus served a more utilitarian purpose than the present-day stone wall does. Part of the professors' pay in the early days of Wake Forest College was the right to

pasture their cows on the college ground, Blackmore says. Dr. Tom's duties were to keep the school's fences "hog-tight, bull-strong, and horse-high."

Today, the wall primarily serves aesthetic purposes. But Buttram says he believes it still preserves certain qualities of Southeastern Seminary.

"I think of this wall as marking off a sanctuary," Buttram says. "There's nothing blocking anyone from coming in. There are gates all throughout the wall and, in fact, we just added a new one."

"First Peter, chapter 2, says that we are living stones. All of the stones are different sizes and different shapes, just as all Christians are unique individuals, but when we adhere to each other as these stones do, the kingdom of God is a wonderful place."

Rummage writes for SEBTS.

EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Guy Henderson

Signs of the times

Few can doubt churches and denominations are undergoing great change. Men of wisdom and faith are seeking to find the answers for successful ministers in the future. While we hold to the Word, the methods are producing rapid and often stressful change: "Where there is no vision . . ." and our leaders are seeking to lead by vision rather than reacting by necessity.

In Mississippi creative ways of outreach, Breakthrough in Sunday School, and new mission emphases are "Helping to bring Mississippi and the world to Jesus." The Foreign and Home Mission boards are declaring new outreach methods to witness to the world and start 15,000 new congregations in America. The signs of the times are relevant; we reach out, or we pass out, and pass off the pages of history.

Some sociological shifts are given to us by Carol Childress, program information consultant for Texas Baptists. She states that (1) we now share a minimal religious heritage, whereas we had similar religious heritage in

the past. (2) The doctrinal statement of a church was highly important in the past. Today we are more concerned about the ministries of a church. (3) Successful churches were program-driven in the past, but are need-driven today. (4) Modern Americans often need an ongoing discussion of the gospel, while in the past, a single gospel presentation was effective. (5) Event evangelism that produces decisions is being replaced with relational evangelism that produces disciples. (6) A professional clergy was expected in the past; they now demand servant-leader clergy. (7) A passive laity is being replaced by an active laity. (8) Americans today are interested in "spiritual" things rather than in "religious" things.

Other trends are prophetically noted by church leaders even if we do not agree with them. The old-line fundamental churches are not the faster growing churches in the USA. Trendy Willow Creek in Illinois and Saddleback Valley in California and others are creating waves in the

church growth pond.

Our six seminaries continue to be raked over by conservatives and moderates. Southeastern is having a difficult time setting its house in order. Southern sweats out its trustee meetings wondering how much more they must surrender to remain intact. Shadows are looming over the other seminaries. Meanwhile, Beeson of Birmingham, Baylor, and Richmond are picking up quality professors. Other college presidents and trustees are weighing the opportunity ere they jump into the seminary waters.

Is there a trend in the Cooperative Program? Recently, Morris Chapman, SBC president, and newly elected James Draper of the Sunday School Board deplored the proliferation of designated gifts and new "channels" of giving. In 1990-91 CP receipts were \$509,887 less than last year, or 0.36% less. A number of state conventions are in the budget vise; as local churches tighten purse strings yet hear greater demands to increase

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The lottery . . . A losing bet for Mississippi

By Vince Scoper
State Senator, Laurel

Facts are being withheld from you! Those who advocate a lottery tell us that a lottery will keep your taxes down, will help education, will not hurt anyone, and is a lot of fun. The only part that might be true is that it is fun for some. Read on, and see what is happening in other states.

In every state, a lottery does well when it first starts. It is not at all surprising that Louisiana is getting a lot of publicity. It happens in all states. After about a year, the novelty wears off, the people start to wise up, and the lottery sales drop. Less money comes into the state treasury. Since people are told their taxes would not be raised because of the lottery, the state must then encourage more people to play and to play more often.

Lottery directors readily admit that their goal is to turn the casual player into a consistent player. They also admit that without high-powered advertising, the lottery does not work. Millions of dollars then have to be spent advertising in newspapers, on television, and radio. This is the reason why some of the media are so obsessed with promoting a lottery. They would make a profit advertising, whether the state made money or not.

We should learn from other states and not make the same mistakes they have made. Many states with lotteries have huge deficits ranging up to 14 billion dollars and face large tax increases due in large part to their reliance on the lotteries.

Florida has a "successful" lottery. It also had a 1 billion dollar deficit last year, and is having to raise that money in tax dollars, even though it attracts 40 million tourists each year,

and is one of the richest states in the country. Florida's governor called the lottery "a giant hoax on the people." More facts about the lottery

A study by a Notre Dame University professor says the lottery is a "fiscal shell game." It only shifts money from one place to another. When money is spent on lotteries, existing tax money drops proportionately, thereby creating an unavoidable tax increase.

U.S. News & World Report says: "A major problem facing teens during the 1990s is compulsive gambling." Teen gambling increased by more than 50% after a lottery was started in California. With all the problems facing our youth today, such as drugs, alcohol, teen pregnancy, pornography, etc., we should not deliberately put another problem before them. Psychologists say that because of their immaturity, teenagers are five times more likely to become addicted to gambling than adults.

High school students in California are now mugging people, not for drug money, but for money to gamble! Some states have had to set aside money in order to rehabilitate compulsive gamblers, many of whom are teens.

A California school official states it's an unstable source of funding and it is tapering off drastically.

California Superintendent of Education Bill Honig reports education in California would be better off today if the lottery had never happened.

In California, four out of 10 who play the lottery are unemployed.

Massachusetts has a "successful"

lottery, but has the worst bond rating in the U.S.

The lottery is illegal in Nevada.

Fraud and counterfeit tickets are growing problems. A Pennsylvania lottery official was found to be injecting liquid lead into ping pong balls to affect drawings. People have gone to collect their winnings only to find that their tickets were counterfeit!

On the surface, a lottery looks pretty good, but when you look at all the facts, you have to conclude that Mississippi cannot support a lottery. We would be facing a large tax increase if we started one. One of the responsibilities of the Legislature is to look at all the facts of any issue and try to determine how a decision will affect Mississippi for years to come, not just the present. Using economics, sound business principles, and studying what has happened in other states, it is evident that a lottery in Mississippi is a losing bet.

Changing the constitution

Section 273 of the constitution states: Whenever two-thirds of the Legislature shall deem a change is necessary in the constitution, it is then submitted to the people for their approval or disapproval.

Former Mississippi Supreme Court Justice George H. Ethridge has this to say about changing the constitution: "It will be seen from a careful reading that the amendment must be deemed necessary by two-thirds of the Legislature. This imposes upon the urged in the Legislature the solemn duty of judging the necessity for an amendment. Often it is the people to say whether such change is desired. This is false theory. The con-

stitution plainly imposed the duty upon the Legislature itself to determine that matter. The people have the right to believe that the Legislature deemed the change to be necessary. Each member should vote his conviction regardless of any clamor from outside sources. If he accepts a position of trust he should act the trustee with intelligence and integrity."

Even the Jackson Clarion-Ledger agreed with Judge Ethridge. On April 1, 1986 the Clarion-Ledger said in opposition to a Mississippi lottery, "Funding state government is the responsibility of the members of the House and Senate. Forcing taxpayers to take over those decisions (by having them vote on the lottery) is a dereliction of duty."

Starkville Daily News, May 2, 1986: "State Auditor Ray Mabus said of the lottery, 'I doubt that a lottery would bring enough additional money in to Mississippi to actually benefit the state.'"

What has caused the change? Why are the Clarion-Ledger and the governor now the leading proponents for the lottery?

Several years ago, organized gambling interests discovered how to get a lottery passed. They first tried to get it passed on the merits of the lottery itself, but the argument was so weak, they kept failing. Then they hit upon a clever scheme. If they couldn't sell the lottery, find something that would sell, make it the "right to vote." Even though it is not really the issue, they made it the issue. No one could argue against such a basic right as voting.

Well, their plan succeeded. One by

one, the states that had turned down the lottery on its merits could not withstand the relentless attack from the gambling interests on the people's "right to vote." Like plucking plums off a tree, one by one, the states began to fall.

Now it's Mississippi's turn to be plucked. If you do not believe this is part of the plan, look what has happened in Mississippi. A lottery amendment has been voted down many times on its merits by the Legislature, most recently in 1984, 1986, and 1987. The very same amendment that was voted down in 1984, 1986, and 1987 was again introduced in 1990. This time, however, organized gambling interests made it a "right to vote" issue, just as they have done in other states. We will no doubt be flooded between now and the general election on Nov. 5 with all sorts of misleading ads.

Please remember that this is just a smoke-screen. The lottery is just the tip of the iceberg. The ultimate goal of organized gambling is to turn Mississippi into another Nevada, where drugs, prostitution, and many other crimes are rampant. Because we are having money problems, they look upon Mississippi as ripe for the picking. This is all part of their grand plan. Please do not be taken in!

Editor's Note: A number of Mississippi senators have been singled out by the media for having opposed the lottery. Be assured, it will come up again. Call your state senator and ask him how he stands on the lottery. Baptists need to get out and vote on Nov. 5.

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Zimbabwe "is an open door," observe Mississippians

By Tim Nicholas

Gracious, warm, eager, open. These were descriptive terms a group of seven preachers used concerning the people of Zimbabwe and their response to presentations of the gospel message.

The seven, spearheading a new partnership project between that African nation and Mississippi Baptists, spent more than a week there in October in training sessions with church leadership and in revival services.

Bill Causey, executive director of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, who traveled with the group, said the training sessions attracted about 200 church leaders.

The training sessions were held at the Zimbabwe Baptist campground at Gweru.

"Our guys were teaching them how to lead folks to the Lord, how to conserve the results of that — very practical matters," said Causey.

After the training sessions, the Mississippi Baptists scattered over the country for the revivals which reported a total of 810 professions of faith in six days — with responses continuing after the visitors left the country.

Dennis Jones, pastor of State Blvd. Church, Meridian, believes the people's attitude toward relationships makes the gospel message more ap-

pealing. "One thing that really affected me was the simplicity in the lives of the people." He said that their idea of relating to others includes "accepting them as they are. They are not so caught up in the materialistic world, though the Western philosophy has affected them."

He adds, "That really is an open door because when you talk about a relationship to Christ, I think they can understand that a lot more."

Jones said what stuck out in his mind was the conversion of a young mother. This woman in testimony time told of how the pastor and his family had welcomed the woman into their home. "She shared how she

could sense the love of God through the people and their caring for her and her need," said Jones.

"What's really neat is she's from a town called Chivu and getting ready to go back to Chivu with her child. The mission had been talking of starting a church there." Now there will be a place to begin with that new Christian.

Joe Ratcliff, chaplain and retired pastor from Collins, preached at Rusape on tobacco and spice farms. His experience "impressed me hearing the people pray the prayer of salvation that had never heard the gospel before." He adds concerning the group's work there, "Though this

was great, it was only like a drop in a big tank as to the need there."

One of the preachers said he was reminded of north Mississippi where he grew up. Rex Yancey, pastor of First Church, Quitman, preached at Mutare in Southeastern Zimbabwe on the Mozambique border. That was where the first SBC missionary Clyde Dotson had begun work in 1955.

And Yancey worked in Alberfoyle in tea growing country. Yancey was able to give short devotionals every morning to factory workers where the Christian owners encouraged

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FMB defunds seminary, expands Soviet ministry

By Robert O'Brien

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Foreign Mission Board trustees voted 35-28 in their October meeting to defund the board's contribution to the 1992 budget of the Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

The action, based on the trustees' disagreement over the seminary's theological stance, deleted \$365,000 allocated to the seminary. The action also asked trustees receive a legal interpretation at their December meeting of documents from 1978 and 1988 in which the board agreed to fund the seminary through 1992.

In other action, two trustee committees voted to affirm and help refine and implement a 10-point vision for global evangelization offered by President R. Keith Parks at their August meeting. The trustee chairman's council, in affirming Parks' plan, discarded a motion that would have implemented a long-range transition plan to new presidential leadership.

Trustees also appointed 29 mis-

sionaries (bringing the total to 3,898 in 121 countries), reviewed plans to launch a full-scale "Green Alert" expansion of ministries in the former Soviet Union and heard Parks pay tribute to Louis Cobbs, who soon will retire after 27 years' service.

Unless trustees change their minds in their December meeting, 1992 will be the first year since the board founded the Ruschlikon seminary in 1948 that it will receive no Southern Baptist operating funds. The \$365,000 was transferred to theological education needs in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

Trustees voted to defund the seminary even though Parks told them the board's integrity was at stake if they didn't fulfill their 1992 commitment. The seminary plays a key part in Baptist expansion in Europe, he said, and defunding would cripple it and damage the board's credibility in Europe and around the world. He said that after the 1992

agreement is complete they could take any action they wished.

But trustees, who have disagreed about the seminary's theological stance for years, felt the seminary showed it was continuing in a "liberal" direction by allowing Glenn Hinson, a professor at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky., to teach there for four months on sabbatic leave, according to trustee Ron Wilson of California.

Wilson said trustees perceive Hinson, a church history professor, as having liberal views of Scripture.

"The board doesn't like to disagree with Dr. Parks, but on a difference of opinion we have to vote our conscience," Wilson said.

Before the full trustee meeting, Parks and trustee leaders "cleared the air" in a late-night session. The meeting began with a discussion of transition to new presidential leadership and ended with a unanimous vote

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US education in trouble, religious leaders warned

By Larry Chesser

WASHINGTON (ABP) — American education is in trouble. Speakers at a Religious Leaders' Briefing on Education here Sept. 12 generally agreed with that gloomy assessment but disagreed about why that's true and how to remedy it.

A Bush administration official defended the role of private schools in American education and praised the "choice" provisions in the administration's "America 2000" education-reform package.

The choice proposals would encourage states and local school districts to provide vouchers for parents to send children to private and parochial schools as well as public schools. The plan also calls for national competency testing, the creation of 535 New Generation schools, and efforts to combat adult illiteracy.

"The administration is seeking to launch a popular movement based on dissatisfaction with the status quo," said Michelle Easton, acting ex-

ecutive assistant, Office of Private Education at the Department of Education.

Asked how private schools receiving tax dollars would be held accountable, Easton said she hopes governmental oversight would be in the areas of health and safety, as well as assurances that the students are learning and achieving. She said she prefers that government not become involved in areas such as admission standards, religious values, or hiring standards.

A contrasting assessment was provided by a House of Representatives education specialist, who told the participants the choice plan is a gimmick that will not improve education.

John Jennings, general counsel for education with the House Education and Labor Committee, said, "Choice is not about education. Choice is about politics," Jennings said. "It's an effort to get Catholic ethnics and Southern

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FMB appoints state couple

RICHMOND, Va. — Brenda and James Hearn were among 29 people named missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board, SBC, Oct. 8 at Woodland Heights Church, Richmond.

The Hearn will live in Togo, where he will work with the mission, the Togo Baptist Convention, and two associations establishing evangelism and church planting strategies, and they will be involved in a variety of outreach ministries.

Since 1989 he has been pastor of University Church in Anchorage, Alaska.

Born in Corinth, Miss., Hearn is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hearn of Rienzi. While growing up he also lived in Booneville. He considers Corinth his hometown and First Church, Jackson, his home church.

He was graduated from Mississippi College and New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

He has been pastor of First Church, Wasilla, Alaska, and Oak Grove Church, Smithdale, Miss.; a Southern Baptist Home Mission Board US-2 missionary in Alaska; and a Baptist Student Union summer missionary in Kansas and Nebraska.

Born and reared in Bogalusa, La., Mrs. Hearn, the former Brenda Hunt, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hunt of that city. First Church, Jackson, was influential in her Christian growth.

She received the bachelor of arts degree from Mississippi College, and



James and Brenda Hearn

also attended Louisiana State University.

She has been a teacher at Houston (Alaska) High School and Chalmette (La.) High School. She also has been Home Mission Board US-2 missionary with her husband in Alaska and a summer missionary in Texas and California.

The Hearn have three children: Laura Ruth, born in 1981; Lindsay Nicole, 1984; and Phillip McConnell, 1988. The family will go to Rockville, Va., in January for a seven-week orientation before leaving for the field.

BSSB adds senior executive team

By Charles Willis

NASHVILLE (BP) — A senior executive team to assist President James T. Draper Jr. in managing the Baptist Sunday School Board will be considered by the institution's 93-member trustee board in a called meeting Oct. 24-25 in Nashville.

In material mailed to trustees Oct. 11, Draper recommends trustees elect T. Michael Arrington, executive assistant to the chief executive officer for Texas Utility Electric Company, Fort Worth, Texas, as executive vice president for operations; E.V. King, the board's vice president for business and finance, as executive vice president for finance and administration; and O. Eugene Mims, pastor of First Church, Cleveland, Tenn., vice chair-

man of the board and chairman of the board's executive committee, as executive vice president for planning, research and denominational relations.

The three new positions will replace the current positions of executive vice president, formerly held by James D. Williams, and vice president for business and finance, held by King. Williams became president of the SBC Brotherhood Commission in September.

An additional position of assistant vice president for business is included among the recommendations. Draper is recommending Charles A. Wilson, chief executive officer of Precision Sheet Metal Service of

Camden, N.J., and a trustee of the board, to fill that position.

The change in upper management structure is designed to improve potential for quality leadership, coordination of ministries, and decision making, Draper told an Oct. 11 meeting of the trustee committee appointed in August to assist him in finding a chief operating officer.

"A senior executive team structure increases the potential for effective responses to a complex and changing external environment," Draper said.

Arrington would direct the board's program and product development functions, as well as marketing and sales functions. Reporting to him

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CSIEC members gather at Samford

BIRMINGHAM — More than 80 educators from 39 schools attended the annual meeting of Cooperative Services International Education Consortium at Samford University, Sept. 26 and 27. CSIEC is a consortium of Southern Baptist Convention colleges and universities with overseas educational programs. The meeting provided a forum for discussion of new ideas, policies, and opportunities for international education.

During a break, Mississippi College representatives posed with host Marlene Rikard, far left, director of Samford's London Programs. From left are Ed McMillan, Ted Snazelle, Craig Turner, CSIEC chairman Dan Grant of Ouachita Baptist University (Arkansas), Bill Nettles, Larry Cox, and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis I. Myers Jr. Myers, a graduate of Mississippi College, is director of Cooperative Services International.

HMB elects new vice president

ATLANTA (BP) — Election of a new vice president, adoption of the 1992 budget, and acceptance of Baptist mission work on three Pacific Ocean islands topped the agenda of the Home Mission Board trustees' fall meeting.

Trustees unanimously elected Gary Jones, director of the HMB human resources division, as vice president for services. The Missouri native will succeed Margrette Stevenson who is retiring in November after a 16-year career with the Home Mission Board.

As vice president of the services section, Jones, 40, will oversee the business, communication, and human resources divisions.

Trustees also adopted a 1992 budget of \$84,752,501, up 5.2% from this year's budget of \$80,575,074.

In addition, trustees voted to accept the work in Guam, other Mariana Islands, and Micronesia effective Jan. 1, 1992. The churches, which currently relate to the Foreign Mission Board,

will become part of the Hawaii Baptist Convention.

In a related matter, trustees voted to transfer property the HMB owns in Panama to the Panama Baptist Convention. Baptist work in Panama originally related to the Home Mission Board, but has been under the auspices of the Foreign Mission Board since 1975. However, government restrictions did not make it possible to transfer the property until last year.

In other business, trustees approved a reorganization plan for the church loans division staff and a lower interest rate of 9.25%.

Trustees also approved a new objective statement to make the church loan division the preferred lending institution for Southern Baptist churches rather than lender of last resort.

In a celebration of missions partnership, the Home Mission Board commissioned 70 missionaries to serve in 23 states and Canada.

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fundamentalists into the Republican Party."

Another blast at choice was leveled by Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., who said the primary need of public schools is additional funding. He called for strengthening such programs as Head Start, Title I (remedial education), and Women, Infants, and Children.

Hollings said the duty of government "is to leave private schools alone."

The ranking Republican member of the House Education and Labor Committee, Rep. Bill Goodling of Pennsylvania, offered a more cautious assessment of the administration's proposal.

Goodling, a former school administrator, said he favors a plan that would let states choose from among elements of the Bush proposal.

"I don't care if you spend billions and billions, if you don't find a way to get the family unit back together to encourage excellence in their

children, nothing is going to change," he said.

He warned choice proponents to make certain they know what they are getting when they seek tax dollars for private schools.

"I see some real pitfalls. If I were operating a private school I would guard against losing my rights to operate it as I saw fit," Goodling said. "You cannot do that with federal money."

Jennings also criticized the limited scope of the administration plan, saying it would spend money to improve education for half of 1% of all U.S. students during the next five years, while a plan expected to be introduced in the House would spend the same dollars for system-wide reform.

"Education is in very serious trouble in this country," Jennings said.

"That's true of both private and public education. If we don't get as serious about education as we are about sports, we'll never compete with the Japanese and Germans."

Nancy Amadei of Washington, D.C., a professor at the University of Utah, told the religious leaders their input in the process was important.

"When the faith community sits

something out, it sends a signal that it's not important," she said.

The briefing, attended by about 40 religious leaders, was sponsored by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, the Washington office of the Episcopal Church, the Lutheran Office for Governmental Affairs of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Washington office of the National Council of Churches, the Public Affairs Office of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and the Religious Action Center of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Chesser is staff writer for BJCPA.

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would be Gary Cook, vice president for church programs and services; Johnnie Godwin, vice president for general publishing; and Jimmy Edwards, vice president for marketing and distribution.

King would direct the overall business and financial plans and policies and business activities that provide specialized services for the board's program, production, operating and marketing functions.

Mims would direct the planning, research, corporate communication and public relations programs, as well as assisting Draper in representing the board to the Southern Baptist Convention and its agencies, state Baptist conventions, churches, denominational groups, and individuals.

Willis writes for BSSB.

Strack barred from schools

By Ken Camp

DALLAS (ABP) — Evangelist Jay Strack of Dallas was barred from speaking at anti-drug assemblies in public schools in Nacogdoches, Texas, after a local university professor filed for a temporary restraining order, charging violation of church-state separation.

"This is an aberrant situation," countered Strack, who said he typically brings his anti-drug message to almost a million students in a year. "It's the first time this has happened in my 17 years of speaking to school assemblies."

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evangelism on the workplace.

S. A. (Sonny) Adkins, pastor of Forest Church, preached in Harare at the Park Town Baptist Church which is eight years old and located in the Baptist headquarters building. They visited in the city homes where transportation is by walking. "Some wait two hours or longer to get the bus," said Adkins. "These people were very receptive to the gospel," he said.

Tommy Tutor, pastor of Oakhurst Church, Clarksdale, preached in Sanyati where there is a Baptist hospital, secondary school, and nursing school. The revival Tutor preached ran 750-1,000 people. "I was very much impressed with the humility of the people," said Tutor. "They received you with all graciousness to make you feel comfortable."

And J. Roy McComb, pastor of First Church, Columbia, preached in Karoi and Kariba, both near the Zambian border. "In a socialistic country I didn't get any impression of hostility because we were mercenaries from the West," said McComb. He said he and his group would "let tracts fly out the window" as they drove by populated areas. "They would literally

push and shove each other to get those tracts."

McComb said his group was "able to begin the nucleus of two new churches out in the bush — one at a large farm where there were several hundred workers and a second in the bush where a Baptist family had moved."

At this point the Zimbabwe partnership is building up steam for participation over the next three years. There is in hand another request for five more preachers to go in January.

Anyone wanting to know how best they can participate may phone Zimbabwe Partnership Office, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, 968-3800.

Foundation limits auto offer

Macedonian Call Foundation of Houston, Texas, which provides automobiles for furloughing missionaries, is limited (because of high mileage) to maintain all vehicles in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. Meanwhile, New Life in Christ Foundation of Wheat Ridge, Colo., has more requests from missionaries than automobiles, and is requesting car donations from Southern Baptist friends.

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to affirm a 10-point vision for global evangelization Parks presented to the trustees in August.

In a news conference Oct. 8 Parks and trustee chairman Bill Hancock of Kentucky confirmed rumors the 15-member chairman's council, made up of trustee officers and committee

chairmen, had considered a three-and-a-half year transition plan to select Parks' successor by 1995.

During the session Parks reportedly told trustees he could not work effectively in such a long transition. He said he would step aside if he did not have their support and he could not operate until he retires without full authority as president.

O'Brien is on the staff at FMB.

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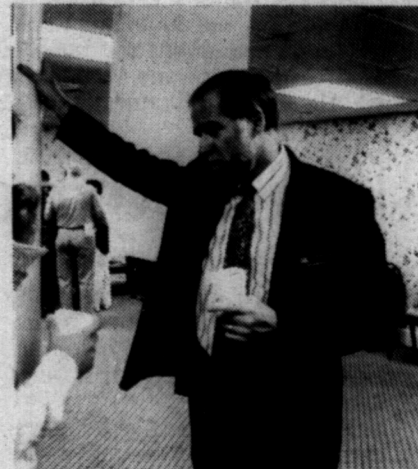
mission giving. A national conference on the Cooperative Program is on the horizon.

Seemingly there is a rebirth of states-rights in state conventions. The battlefield is said to be shifting from a national scope to the state level. Texas is gearing for a mammoth struggle over Baylor University and budget procedures. Is this the tip of the iceberg?

Missions appears to be losing its aura of holiness. Bold Mission Thrust is not near as exciting as the possible dismissal of any agency head. The Foreign Mission Board is overwhelmed with opportunites and open doors

even as offerings diminish. Home Missions pleads for new church starts but Baptist money goes elsewhere. Meanwhile missionary personnel become more disillusioned with convention scuffling behind them and an array of cultural/religious scuffling before them. All of this is hardly new to missionaries. Paul was only the first to face it and Baptists will continue to find a way to do missions.

These trends and a hundred others will continue to weigh heavily with church decision makers lest we find ourselves running to and fro, "inventing medicines for which there is no known disease." Trends can fade, increase, or decrease in a short time or they can set a pattern that will last for 50 years.



Missions Week at NOBTS

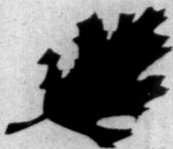
Wearing an Australian hat made to keep mosquitoes away, Herman Hayes, right photo, participates in New Orleans Seminary's Global Missions Week. Tom Warrington, left photo, shares with a student on the NOBTS campus. Hayes was pastor of South McComb and Locust Street churches in McComb before serving as Southern Baptist representative in Australia. Warrington, of Jackson, is associate area director for Europe, FMB. Hayes, Warrington, and nearly 25 other Foreign Mission Board staff and missionaries talked with students and area churches during Global Missions Week. Nearly 50 participants made decisions to follow God's leading in missions service.

Faces and places

by Anne Washburn McWilliams



October



Jackson's Smith Park on an October day at first glance is a scene of inactivity. But that is a false impression. All around, in an unobtrusive way, changes are taking place as the seasons change. Traffic hums on West Street, beyond the wall of trees and shrubs. The shallow stream still sparkles in the sunshine; its trickle has slowed to a steady murmur. At the fountain, water joins the stream with gentle plops.

Under a bright blue noonday sky, a breeze stirs and lifts the fronds of the yellowing river birches. Even the heat is low-key, not the heavy humid heat of high summer. The deserted stone amphitheater looks lonely, now that this year's Fridays-in-the-Park are past.

A squirrel picks up a hickory nut and darts away to bury it. In a whirl of wings, blackbirds invade the pyracantha bush to plunder its red-orange berries.

The gray-haired couple extract sandwiches from the picnic hamper on the bench between them. She pours drinks from a thermos into tall glasses. A man and woman at a table talk with animation, making sweeping gestures with their hands. A woman sits alone reading a newspaper.

A butterfly flickers in a shaft of sunlight, a flash of gold, drawn as by magnet to the perfume of the periwinkles and asters. A bitter, musky smell drifts by on the wind. I can't decide if it's coming from the garbage can or if it's from the worker's perspiration as he loads the can onto his new red cart.

Dry dust rises from the mulch in the flowerbed behind me and makes my nose sting. According to a little sign, the mulch is made of recycled Christmas trees. Soon, I think, Christmas will return once again with more trees to join these and rise as dust when seasons change in some other dying year.

Once I wrote a column, "October is Like Friday," because as Friday heralds the week's end and is time to clear off your desk, so October moves toward the ending of the year. It's time to round up the year's projects, and make ready for a new beginning.

As I sit and contemplate October, I realize that this month symbolizes for me the season I have reached in my own life. In six decades plus two years, I ask myself, how many of my life goals have I reached? Looking ahead to days winding toward December, what would I not want to leave undone?

Last week I heard Doris Bryant of the staff of Mississippi Baptist Medical Center ask, "What would you do if you only had six months to live?" She told the group to whom she was speaking to list, mentally, some things we would want to make top priorities if we had only six months to live.

Then she asked a question that does not apply only to people in the autumn of their lives. After all, no one knows in advance the number of his or her days.

"Why do we need such a prediction to spur us to action?" she asked. "You can take that list and act on it now. The choice is yours."

Jackson hotels give rates

Listed are room rates of some motels in the vicinity of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Coliseum Ramada Inn, I-55 North, between Pearl and High Street exits; \$49.00 — single; 54.00 — double; 969-2141.

Holiday Inn Downtown, special Mississippi Baptist Convention Board rate; 200 East Amite Street; \$44.48 plus tax for single; 48.00 plus tax for double (\$6.00 each for additional persons); 969-5100.

Red Roof Inn, I-55 and High; \$34.99 plus tax — 1 person, 1 double bed; 40.99 plus tax — 2 persons, 2 double beds; (15 rooms have been reserved for the first who call before Nov. 1, confirmation no. 131 AJ 91315); 956-7707.

The Wilson Inn, High Street; \$38.95 — double with king-size bed (\$5.00 for each additional person); 48.95 — suite with 2 double beds (\$5.00 for additional person) — kitchenette; children under 18 free accompanied by an adult; 948-4466.

Admiral Benbow Inn, 905 North State; \$28.95 standard double bed (1 or 2 people); 38.00 2 double beds; 38.00 2 king-size beds plus sofa; 948-4161.

Clyde Williams, former MBCB employee, dies

Clyde Williams, 72, former maintenance supervisor at the Baptist Building, died Oct. 13 while on vacation in Quebec. His death is believed to be the result of complications which arose after he broke his hip in a fall.

Williams worked for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board for 16 years, until his retirement in 1984.

Funeral and burial were tentatively set, pending the body's arrival in Alpharetta, Ga.

Williams is survived by his wife Jean of 8080 Henderson Ct., Alpharetta, Ga., 30201; and daughter Linda Williams Clay.



Williams

Sharon Church, Long Beach announces Pastors' Conference

Sharon Church of Long Beach will present Pastors' Conference '91 Oct. 27-29 on the theme, "Building the Church of God."

Sunday speakers will include Ricky White, pastor, Oakcrest Church, Oakcrest, Fla.; Bobby Kendrick, Laurel, foreign missions, San Salvador; and Grady Crowell, director of missions, Clarke County, Quitman.

Monday speakers will be John Sullivan, executive director, Florida Baptist Convention, Jacksonville, Fla.; Chuck Kelly, asst. professor of evangelism, New Orleans Seminary; and Bill Causey, executive director, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson.

Tuesday speakers will include Gene Henderson, pastor, First Church, Brandon; Jack Millwood, pastor, First Church, North Mobile, Mobile, Ala.;

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Bible Study Preview draws crowd

A January Bible Study preview clinic held Oct. 1 brought 122 adults to the Baptist Building. The clinic was coordinated by Larry Salter, consultant for Sunday School Department, MBCB, and was led by James Harvey of BSSB.



James E. Harvey led a January Bible study preview clinic at the Baptist Building taken from the book of Isaiah. Harvey is JBS promotion specialist with the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

I know of a teen-age girl who has been trying to run away from home for a year, but every time she gets to the front door the phone rings. — Louisville Courier-Journal Magazine.

Northwest to mark sesquicentennial

The 150th annual meeting of the Northwest Baptist Association will take place at Hernando Church on Monday, Oct. 21, from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. The program will feature the sesquicentennial celebration, "Past, Present, Future."

1805 — The fifth church to be organized in Mississippi Territory was New Providence in Amite County. There were 12 charter members.

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and Dale Patterson, pastor, East Brent Church, Pensacola, Fla.

Musicians to be featured are Phillips Willis, Jasper Butler, Janet McAllister, full-time music evangelists, and the Sharon Church Choir.

Donnie Guy, pastor, states that services will begin each night at 6.

Missionary news

James and Charlotte Watts, missionaries to Italy, are on the field (address: Loc. LeCoste, 7, 50066 Reggello, FI, Italy). Natives of Mississippi, both grew up in Pascagoula. He was born in Philipp, and she, the former Charlotte Lowe in Carthage.

Roger and Penny Stacy, missionaries to Brazil, are on the field (address: Caixa Postal 165, 85.800 Cascavel, PR, Brazil). They are natives of Mississippi. Both consider Pontotoc their hometown. The former Penny Jamison, she was born in Okolona.

Paul and Hannah Gay, missionaries to Ethiopia, are on the field (address: P. O. Box 5539, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia). He was born in Cuthbert, Ga., and considers Jackson, Miss., his hometown. She is the former Hannah Berry of Jackson.

Byron and Dora Harbin, missionaries to Brazil, are in the States (address: 3331 Old Canton Rd., Jackson, Miss. 39216). He was born in Tuscaloosa County, Ala., and lived near Bainbridge, Ga., while growing up. She is the former Dora Dunkley of McLaurin, Miss.

Donald and Teresa Bolls, missionaries to the Niger Republic, are on the field and may be addressed at BP 21, Quallam, Niger Republic. He is a native of Jackson, Miss. She is the former Teresa Downey of Grady, N.M.

Danny and Libby Panter, missionaries to Eastern Europe, are on the field (address: Eastern Europe Division, FMB, Dommayergasse 7/16, A-1130 Vienna, Austria). He is a native of Pascagoula, Miss., and she is the former Libby Wallace of Jackson, Miss.

Robert and Janice Mooney, missionaries to Zambia, are in the States (address: 615 Lallah, Pineville, La. 71360). He was born in Marvell, Ark., and considers Jackson, Miss., his hometown. The former Janice Anglin, she was born in Bogalusa, La., and considers Talisheek, La., her hometown.

Charles and Suzanne Collins, missionaries to Suriname, are in the States (address: 5341-A Pinewilde, Houston, Texas 77066). He was born in Laurel, Miss., and considers Houston, Texas, his hometown. She is the former Suzanne Swanson of Houston.

Robert and Donna Burris, missionaries to Taiwan, are on the field (address: Ching Lyan Rd., Section 2, Lane 588 #7, 4th Floor, Fengshan 83019, Taiwan ROC). He is a native of Dallas, Texas. The former Donna Cope, she was born in Newton, Miss., and considers Birmingham her hometown.

The Woodville Baptist Church was constructed in 1809. It is the oldest Baptist church building in use in the state.



Members of the New Beginnings Puppeteers of Crowder Church are, left to right, Vickie Rockwood, Whitney Smith, Karen Austin, Kim Simmerman, and Wendy Snyder. Leader Martha Cannon is not pictured.

Crowder Church will host clown, puppetry day

New Beginnings Puppeteers of Crowder Church, Crowder, will host an all-day workshop of puppetry, clowning, drama, and children's ministry Saturday, Oct. 26.

The day will include teaching workshops, performance times for groups and professionals, and an organizational meeting to form a Southern chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Puppeteers, a national conference whose purpose is to further the gospel through performing arts such as clowning and mime.

Leaders for the workshop will include: Jackie Kemp of Charlotte, N.C., puppetry; Sandra DeVore of Horn Lake, children's ministry; Frank and Sherri Fairley of Memphis, drama; and Julia Webb of Hernando, clowning.

Registration will begin at 8:30. To pre-register, send \$12 (which includes lunch) to New Beginnings Puppeteers, Rt. 2, Box 172, Batesville, MS 38606. For more information, contact Martha Cannon, New Beginnings leader, at (601) 563-3604.

WMU, Brotherhood announce joint publishing venture

By Susan Todd Doyle & Mike Day

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP) — Brotherhood Commission and Woman's Missionary Union leaders announced Oct. 1 plans to cooperatively publish materials to be used in youth coed missions groups. The name of the imprint will be World Changers Resources.

World Changers Resources is the first joint publishing venture by the two missions organizations.

The first production under the World Changers Resources imprint will be Express Missions, a quarterly missions resource kit for use by youth leaders. World Changers Resources will also produce additional youth missions education products, and coordinate World Changers National Work Projects. The work projects consist of 11 training sessions

in a local church and participation in an eight-day national missions project.

WMU and Brotherhood will jointly share profits and losses incurred in the production of World Changers Resources materials.

Express Missions will focus on foreign, home, and personal missions. Each kit will include material for three 45-minute missions sessions. It will also include material for 15-minute sessions and 5-minute sessions. In addition to study material, the kit will feature items such as videos, audio cassettes, and board games.

Doyle writes for WMU and Day is director of church relations, Brotherhood Commission.

Jesus healed

By Ronald E. Bishop

... he went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him (Acts 10:38b RSV).

Do you remember beginning the first grade? One thing I recall from the first grade is the advice from my teacher, Mrs. Esther Bynum. She told us: "How you act reflects on your parents." Many times this bit of wisdom helped me to make a decision between right and wrong. Though Mrs. Bynum has gone to be with the Lord, her wisdom continues to influence her students.

Isn't it interesting that the behavior of Jesus had the same impact upon those who knew him. Jesus lived a life consistent with the direction of his Father. When Peter spoke to Cornelius, he told this Gentile that Jesus had impressed him by living his life after the pattern of the Father. Jesus' life can be summarized in these two statements: (1) he went about doing good, and (2) he healed all who were oppressed by the devil.

For theologians and philosophers, "good" is an unqualified attribute. Ideally there is no great gray area between good and evil. Jesus did not do "sort of" good or "somewhat" good. To do or be good is to do what is desirable with the highest motives. Jesus' life was filled with doing good. The reason for Jesus' goodness was his divine nature. He was the son of God.

Jesus also healed all who were oppressed by the devil. Ancient peoples often attributed curious maladies to demon possession. Jesus responded to physical and mental illness by healing sick people. He also provided a way for all of us who are oppressed spiritually by the devil to be delivered. By his death on the cross, Jesus overcame the oppression of the devil. All this he did because God was with him. Jesus' life surely reflected on his Father.

Bishop is pastor, Salem Church, Collins.

Kentucky church defaults, loses property to HMB

By Mark Wingfield

GOSHEN, Ky. (ABP) — Goshen Baptist Church — one of 20 Southern Baptist churches nationwide still occupying their buildings after defaulting on loans from the Home Mission Board — locked its doors and disbanded last week.

Pastor Stuart Collier said the HMB forced his church to disband by reclaiming the property. In an interview, he suggested the HMB targeted his church because of its affiliation with moderate-conservatives in denominational politics.

However, officials at both the HMB and the Kentucky Baptist Convention said convention politics played no part in the decision. The church is solely responsible for its own problems, they said.

Pastor Collier said Goshen's members "think there is a fundamentalist church who wants the building."

"They think because the church has had a woman pastor (in the past), it's not on the right side of the fence," he said. "They're outraged. They're hurt. Nobody can believe it."

But Bob Jones, director of the direct missions department for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, said such accusations against the HMB are misguided. "The Home Mission Board has been far more tolerant than any bank would have been," Jones said.

The HMB has lost \$80,000-\$90,000 on the Goshen property, which is one of 25 church facilities or sites now owned by the HMB due to defaulted loans, Bob Inlow said. Those 25 repossessions account for about \$2.5 million in investments and 2.3% of the HMB's 1,100 outstanding church loans.

Inlow said that ratio puts the church loans division "on the outer edge of the acceptable range" in the mortgage industry, which could hamper the HMB's ability to provide loans to churches that can pay.

"When we lose money, it has the effect of raising interest rates for the other borrowers who make payments on time," Inlow said.

Wingfield is news director of WESTERN RECORDER, Kentucky.

When enthusiasm is inspired by reason; controlled by caution; sound in theory; practical in application; reflects confidence; spreads good cheer; raises morale; inspires associates; arouses loyalty; and laughs at adversity, it is beyond price. — Coleman Cox

Health and good estate of body are above all gold, and a strong body above infinite wealth. — Apocrypha

Exposure to alcoholism contributes to breakdown of US marriages

By Tom Strode

WASHINGTON (BP) — Exposure to alcoholism appears to contribute significantly to the breakdown of marriages in the United States, according to a report released recently by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The results of a survey released Sept. 30 showed:

— Separated or divorced men and women were more than three times as likely as married men and women to have been married to an alcoholic or problem drinker (27.6% to 7.6%);

— Exposure to alcoholism in the family at some point in life was higher among divorced or separated persons

capsules

ADRIAN ROGERS APPOINTED TO SOUTHEASTERN'S BOARD: WAKE FOREST, N.C. (ABP) — Tennessee pastor Adrian Rogers, three-term president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has been appointed a trustee of Southeastern Seminary. Rogers, pastor of the 22,000-member Bellevue Church of Memphis, and William Bowyer, pastor of the 1,400-member Rock Hill Church in St. Louis, Mo., were appointed by Southeastern trustees to fill two positions left vacant on the trustee board.

SOVIET GOSPEL ADS REACHING MILLIONS: SHEFFIELD, England (BP) — More than 5,000 people a day respond to gospel-centered advertisements in Soviet newspapers and magazines, according to the German Christian businessman who places them. Waldemar Murjahn of Mettmann, Germany, said he places Christian ads in key Soviet publications that reach 63 million subscribers. Because most authorities estimate several people read each copy, actual readership likely is much higher. Total cost of the project to date has been only \$23,500, Murjahn said. "Our commercial advertisements gave us the idea to put the gospel in paid ads," said Murjahn, who owns a chain of clothing stores in Germany. Murjahn is a member of a Brethren church, which in Germany is affiliated with Baptists.

PRAYER TO LAUNCH SOVIET 'ALERT': PLAN MAY SEND 116 MISSIONARIES: RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Foreign Mission Board trustees have designated New Year's Eve 1991 as an international day of prayer for the former Soviet Union to kick off a multifaceted "Green Alert" plan to expand mission work in the region. The Green Alert project could involve hundreds of Southern Baptist workers, including the assigning of 116 missionaries in 1992 alone to work throughout the 15 republics of the former Soviet Union — the largest Southern Baptist missionary force ever deployed to a single regional effort in one single year. That total is roughly one-third to one-half the average number of missionaries the board appoints annually for its worldwide program.

MILL VALLEY, CALIF. (BP) — MORE THAN 600 STUDENTS ENROLLED AT GOLDEN GATE SEMINARY THIS FALL, pushing total enrollment 7.7% above fall 1990.

Admission records show 602 students enrolled at the seminary's three campuses — 444 in Mill Valley, Calif., 113 in Brea, Calif., and 45 in Portland, Ore. The final tally contrasts with 559 students enrolled in the fall of last year.

Following two years of cost-cutting and delays in filing staff vacancies, revenues exceeding expenses by more than \$200,000 during the 1990-91 fiscal year. Golden Gate Seminary operates with a \$4.9 million budget.

— Veteran Southern Baptist missionary Finlay Graham has been named missionary-in-residence for the school's academic year to teach various mission courses.

Graham served with the Foreign Mission Board in the Middle East from 1947 until retirement in 1986. He and his wife Julia, were Southern Baptists' first workers in Lebanon.

The Scotland native earned his master of arts from University of Glasgow in Scotland and bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from Southwestern Seminary.

QUAYLE INVITED TO ADDRESS SBC: ALEXANDRIA, La. (ABP) — Vice President Dan Quayle has been invited to welcome the 1992 Southern Baptist Convention to his home state of Indiana next June, a meeting organizer announced recently. An invitation to the vice president was recently extended or soon will be, said Joe Aulds, an evangelist from Ruston, La., and a member of the SBC Committee on Order of Business. In addition to inviting Quayle to welcome messengers, convention planners also will ask Christian artist Sandi Patti to appear before the gathering, Aulds said. The tentative schedule calls for Patti to sing on Wednesday evening, following the report of the SBC Foreign Mission Board. Aulds said convention planners also have been told Patti is interested in visiting the convention gathering. Committee members plan to ask Charles Stanley of Atlanta to address the closing session of the convention on Thursday morning, Aulds said. "We know Charles Stanley is probably the most visible Southern Baptist outside of Billy Graham," Aulds said, "and he has a tremendous appeal in Indiana." Stanley is pastor at First Church of Atlanta but also has an extensive cable TV ministry. Overall, however, convention planners have sought to reorder the convention schedule to allow more time for messenger business, Aulds said. For instance, no theme interpretations are planned.



Bishop

result, at least in part, of the effects of alcoholism," the report said.

"Although many marriages survive the effects of alcoholism, either because the alcoholic seeks help or because the family accommodates to the alcoholic drinking, it is clear that a large number of marriages dissolve in the face of alcoholism."

The survey was done by the National Center for Health Statistics and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, both agencies of the Public Health Service, a division of HHS.

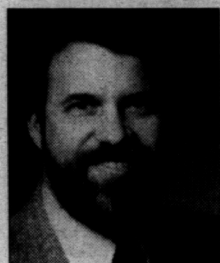
Strode is director, media and news information, Washington office, CLC.

HOUSE TOPS

What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light: and what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim upon the housetops. Matthew 10:27 NAS

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How to Come to Christ

by Tim Nicholas, Director of Office of Communication, MBCB

Probably the first thing that has to happen is that you really want something to change in your life. Christians believe that means the Holy Spirit is already working in your heart. Perhaps you can't put your finger on it, but something is gnawing on you, some dissatisfaction.

The second thing to happen is when you realize that there is a different life to be had, that handing your life over to God would, indeed, lead toward satisfaction and what Christians refer to as joy or "the abundant life."

Perhaps the easiest way to become a Christian is to pray a simple prayer like this one: "God, I believe that I am separated from you and will never get to you unless I turn my life around. I believe that your son Jesus is Lord over all. I now invite him into my life to be my Lord and Savior." Now go and tell people what has happened to you—your family (some will have been praying for you already), your friends, and a minister in a nearby church.

The beginning is that simple. But the next parts are not always so simple. You might want to return to your old lifestyle, particularly if that's where a lot of your friends are. But help in fighting that temptation is available. You need to join with a congregation of Christians and involve yourself in Bible study and you need to do it quickly. Old ways are so comfortable and new Christians are so susceptible.

And don't just think that one prayer will do you. You need to keep on praying to God, telling him about your problems and letting him know you appreciate his presence in your life.

The kingdom of God you hear Christians talking about is in your heart.

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Standing in the Need of Prayer...

By Indy Whitten
Prayer Coordinator, MBCB

From Holly Springs in the north to Picayune in the south...from Greenville on the west and Columbus on the east and all in between, people stand in need of intercessory prayer. Join in remembering some of the requests made recently through the Prayer Office of the Mississippi Baptist Convention:

1. Students from the Soviet Union who are studying in colleges and universities in the states. Three young men are at Mississippi College, one is at Blue Mountain.

2. For Reverend Caley Nichols, who is almost totally inactive in Vicksburg, following an accident and surgery. Doctors say that he may have to wait a year before he will know if the surgery has been effective.
3. For Alan Wright, new Youth Minister of First Baptist Church of Crystal Springs.
4. For the Vietnamese pastor in Biloxi, who receives threatening phone calls.
5. For a 15 year-old girl in the Jackson area who ran away from home. Pray for her, for her parents, grand parents and other loved ones who are so concerned about her. Pray for others with similar problems.
6. For Chris Higginbotham, son of Gene H. Higginbotham, who feels called to the ministry and seeks the Lord's leadership in making plans for the future.
7. For wisdom and power for our Baptist leaders in carrying on the Zimbabwe-Mississippi partnership.

8. For Roger Ivey and John Stephen Slay of the North Delta Association, who will be in Zimbabwe from Oct. 11 to Oct. 28, 1991. They will be constructing a building-block church to accommodate 50 people, for the Mokoba Baptist Church. Pray for their health and safety in travel and for their families while they are away.
9. Pray for a request that carries no name on it but YOURS and MINE...A GENUINE SPIRITUAL AWAKENING IN OUR STATE AND NATION. Dr. Morris Chapman, president of the SBC is calling for a national prayer alert that will lead to spiritual awakening in America.

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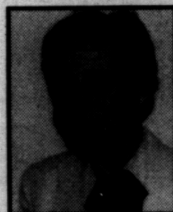
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Ministry In Your Marketplace

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The purpose of the Lay Missions Conference is to help explore ways to extend Christ's Kingdom through the concept of Marketplace Ministry. If we are to win Mississippi and our world to Jesus in our generation, it is significant that each of us become marketplace ministers.

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Bible Study

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CHURCH MEDIA LIBRARY WORKSHOP

November 1-2, 1991

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

9:30 am-1 pm	Registration	
10:00-12:00	Selective Conferences	
	<i>Experienced Librarians</i> Room 207	
	Share experiences, ideas, problems, questions — Jackie Anderson	
	<i>Audiovisuals—Repair and Maintain</i> Room 205	
	Learn how to do minor repairs and maintenance — Danny Ayala	
	<i>New Church Media Librarians</i> Room 213	
	Introduction to Church Media Library. Here's the place to ask questions. Recommended for people with two years or less experience — Peggy Tacon	
12:00-1:00	Lunch	Room 200
1:00-2:30	Opening Session - Welcome/Devotion Theme Interpretation Media Recommendations	Chapel
2:30-5:30	Base Conferences	
	<i>Basic Classification and Cataloging</i> Room 203	
	Learn how to assign classification numbers and subject headings (2,3,4,5) — Beulah Lewis and Janet Jordan	
	<i>Advanced Classification and Cataloging</i> Room 205	
	Designed for persons who already know the basics of classification and cataloging. Dewey and New 200 Religion (2,3,4,5) — Jackie Anderson	
	<i>Promotion</i> Room 215	
	Techniques that will spotlight the Media Center - visual and written. (9) — Danny Ayala	
	<i>Book Repair</i> Room 211	
	Hands on training from an expert! (8, 12) — Floyd Simpson	
	<i>Administration</i> Room 204	
	Staff relations, policies, circulation procedures, inventory, media selection, weeding, budget preparation, Achievement Guide, and working with the Church Council. (6,7) — Kathy Sylvest	
	<i>Processing</i> Room 207	
	Processing all types of media - from accessioning to storage. Includes work slips, labels, filing catalog cards, etc. (1) — Peggy Tacon	

Witnessing With Media Room 213
Conferees will have the opportunity to be led by the author of the book, *How to Witness With Media*. Suggestions will be given on how to use the media in your library as an evangelistic and ministry tool to reach and minister to your church family and the community. (10) — James Rose

6:00-7:00 Dinner

7:00-9:00 Selective Conferences

Essentials for Desk Personnel Room 204
Discussion of skills and training needed by persons working at the circulation desk. — Kathy Sylvest

Reading Clubs Room 211
Guidelines for planning reading clubs for all ages — children to senior adults. — Floyd Simpson

Instructional Media for Churches Room 213
A brief overview of the book, *Instructional Media for Churches* will be presented. Conferees will gain skills in using a variety of media to assist leaders to improve teaching in the church. (11) — Danny Ayala

Trip to DeGrummond Children's Library at USM
The DeGrummond Children's Literature Research Collection is one of North America's leading research centers in the field of American and British children's literature. Over 1200 people have donated their books and original materials to the collection which is named for Dr. Lena Y. DeGrummond who began the collection in 1966. A major new acquisition is the original artwork, typescripts, dummies and preliminary sketches for 36 books by the Caldecott award-winning author/illustrator, Ezra Jack Keats. The DeGrummond Collection is in the McCain Library and Archives on the Hattiesburg Campus of the University of Southern Mississippi.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

8:00-9:45 a.m.	General Session/ Breakfast Fellowship Hall Featured Speakers: Linda Donnell/Carol Simmons Election of Officers/Business
9:45-10:45	Base Conferences
10:45-11:00	Break - Room 200
11:00-12:00	Base Conferences

GUEST SPEAKERS

LINDA DONNELL AND CAROL SIMMONS, co-authors of *Bloom, The Christian Woman's Approach to Health and Attractiveness*, will be speaking at the Saturday, November 2, breakfast at 8:00 a.m. The breakfast will be in the fellowship hall at First Baptist Church. You are encouraged to attend even if you do not plan to eat breakfast. Linda and Carol are sought after seminar leaders and consultants in the areas of time management, motivation and personal grooming. Both ladies are active members of First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg. Come and hear these two delightful and motivational speakers as they address our own personal and spiritual needs as librarians.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Several delicious meals have been planned during the conference for your enjoyment, fellowship, and convenience. Reservations for the meals are needed by October 16. You may make reservations for each of the following meals:

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

—Lunch at First Baptist Church; cost \$4.00

—Dinner at Wisteria Tea Room; cost \$8.00

(There will not be a program during the dinner. You are invited to return to First Baptist Church for the evening selective conferences following dinner.)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

—Breakfast at First Baptist Church; cost \$5.00

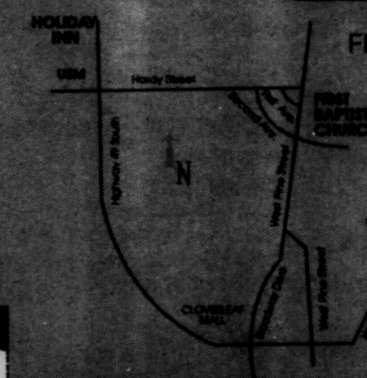
(See "guest speakers" for more details.) **Refunds will not be possible after October 16.**

CONFERENCE HOTEL

HOLIDAY INN, HATTIESBURG, will be the conference hotel. They have 30 double occupancy rooms reserved. The rate will be \$40.00 per room plus tax for one to four persons per room. Reservations may be made by October 16. After this date, rooms will be available on a space available basis. Contact the hotel at (601) 268-2850. Identify yourself as being with the Church Media Library Workshop group. The hotel is located at 3400 Highway 49 North.

HOST CHURCH

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, HATTIESBURG is located at 510 West Pine Street. The church phone number is (601) 544-0100.



BOOK LIST

ITEMS TO BRING

1. How to Process Media
2. How to Classify and Catalog Media
3. Dewey Decimal Classification and Relative Index, Abridged
4. 200 Religion Class
5. Sears List of Subject Headings
6. The Media Library in a Church
7. How to Administer and Promote a Church Media Library
8. How to Repair Books and Maintain Audiovisuals
9. Promotion Handbook for Church Media Libraries
10. How to Witness with Media - James Rose
11. Instructional Media for Churches - Ezell and Tiller
12. Books to be repaired

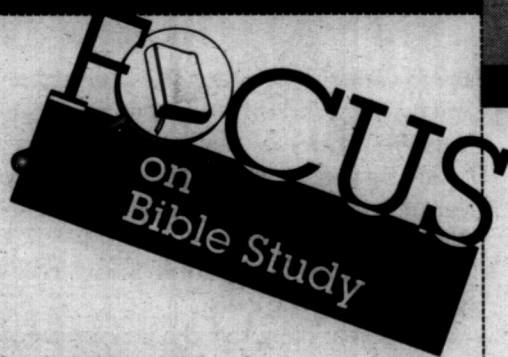
RESERVATIONS

State Church Media Library Workshop
November 1-2, 1991
First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg

I need _____ reservation(s) at \$4.00 each for lunch on Friday, November 1.
I need _____ reservation(s) at \$8.00 each for dinner on Friday, November 1.
I need _____ reservation(s) at \$5.00 each for breakfast on Saturday, November 2.

(no of persons)
Lunch/\$4.00 x _____ = \$ _____
Dinner/\$8.00 x _____ = \$ _____
Breakfast/\$5.00 x _____ = \$ _____
Total _____

Please attach a list of names for whom the reservations have been made. Reservations are non-refundable after October 16, 1991. Make check payable to Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Mail to Keith Williams, P.O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205



HOUSE OF GOD

Testimonies of Summer Missions



Pictured, front row, Paul Young, David Tarver, Ryan Hyer; back row, Tonya Redeemer and Linda Sager, have completed 10 weeks of service as Mississippi student summer missionaries. They are displaying their certificates of service given by the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The students were asked what they learned about themselves, about other people, and how God works in the world. Following are some of their answers.

Tonya, a Carey student from Wiggins: When you see a person

who is really suffering you really get a focus on what life is really about. My problems seem like nothing. I learned to look into a person's background and understand why he/she acted or lived in the way they did. I no longer could say well, I don't understand that; I wouldn't do that mess. Some people don't have a good religious background as I have had. My mother was there for me. She wasn't on cocaine and she never abandoned me. I'm blessed and God has taken good care of me.

David, a USM student from Natchez: I have learned that many Christians have become complacent in their lives concerning the lost and needy people of the world. People today do not realize that Jesus is to be served as well as worshiped. I have learned that God can use whatever you are able to give to him. I have known this but had never really witnessed, or became aware of it in my life. Give him our all no matter how useless we may feel. He can use us for his will.

Paul, a Carey student from Columbia: I learned to be confident not in my capabilities, but to have confidence in what God can do through me. I have ended my personal struggle as to what field of ministry God has called me into. I have learned that things aren't always going to be as clear as I would like them to be, but if I trust God with (or for) the answers, then he will never let me fall short. I learned God speaks in more ways than

one: through others, through objects, etc. I learned what a difference daily prayer and Bible study can make in the extent of God speaking to you.

Ryan, a Delta State student from Benoit: I learned that on my own I can do almost nothing. I've been humbled many, many times. I've also learned that I have a whole lot of spiritual growth ahead if I am to be in the ministry. (I have also learned that) other people don't always agree with me (gasp!). There is such a need for guidance for the youth in all the churches and communities that I visited, but there is a great apathy. I had to lean on the Lord this summer more than I have ever before. Occasionally, he allowed me to fall on my face when I stepped out of his will. He has stuck by me even when I turned my back on him. My walk is more real and my goal more clear than ever before.

Linda, a Lee College student from Baytown, Tex.: Whatever God wants me to do, I am his willing servant! I can get up in front of people young or old and speak whether I get tongue-tied or not. It is Christ who is speaking, not me! God really showed me that I could do whatever I was asked to do. May not be great, but only through him could I have done it. He also taught me that I was sent not only to tell of him but the people I ran into were sent my way. God also showed me one way how not to be (sometimes one needs to listen instead of always preaching.)

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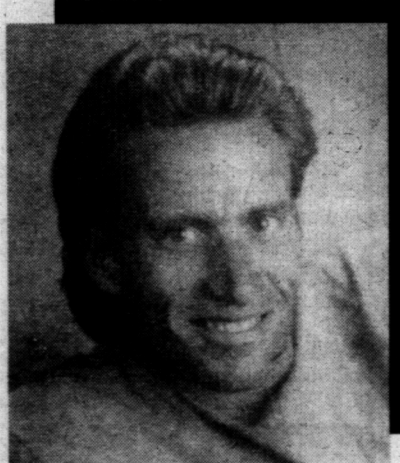
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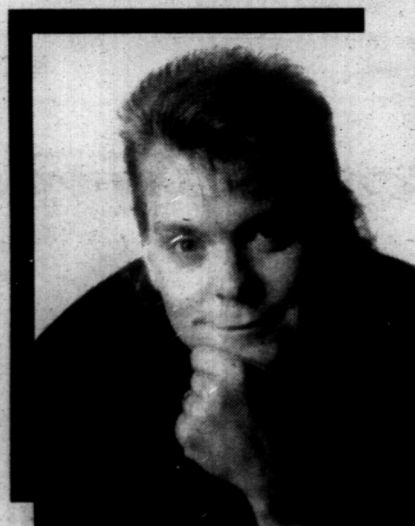
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OCTOBER OUTREACH MONTH

What comes to mind when the term "outreach" is mentioned? Is it the stack of prospect cards piled on the table? Or the idea of inviting someone to come to, or come back to, Sunday School? Or is it a twinge of guilt because the pastor always mentions it from the pulpit, but it seldom gets done?

Outreach should bring to mind happy thoughts of touching the lives of individuals we already know or are beginning to know as friends. The term Outreach should also bring forth memories that are warm and "fuzzy" because we helped someone out in a difficult time. Maybe we just listened when they needed to talk or simply smiled and said we care for you.

October is a wonderful time of the year to begin to build this type of memories by doing those things that indicate to people we care. The American Church Growth Institute interviewed 14,000 people in 1990 that attended church for the first time. 85% stated they had come to church because someone they knew, trusted, and respected had shown concern for them and had invited them to attend.

OCTOBER OUTREACH MONTH: A TIME TO BUILD A MEMORY..A TIME TO MAKE A CONTACT..A TIME TO TOUCH A LIFE

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"Living in His Image"



March 30- April 1, 1992

First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi

Gulf States Senior Adult Convention

PROGRAM PERSONALITIES



Agenda

MONDAY

7:00 p.m.

Welcome

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m.

Good Morning!
Afternoon Free

7:00 p.m.

Halls again

WEDNESDAY

9:00-11:00 a.m.

Closing Session

DR. HORACE L. KERR, Convention Coordinator - Contract Manager, Family Ministry Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

DR. BILL TANNER, Keynote Speaker - Executive Director, Oklahoma Baptist Convention

DR. FRANK POLLARD, Speaker, "Growing in Prayer" - Pastor, First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi

DR. FRANK STAGG, Speaker, "Growing in Bible Study" - Diamondhead, Mississippi, Professor Emeritus, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

DR. SID BUCKLEY, Music Leader - Professor of Music, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

DR. W.E. THORN, Music Leader - Professor of Music, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

Registration Form

\$10 per person until December 31, \$12.50 in 1992. No refunds after March 16

Church name _____

Name of person requesting registrations _____

Address _____

Number of registrations _____ Amount enclosed _____

Make checks payable to:

Gulf States Senior Adult Convention, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205

HOTELS

A list of hotels with special convention rates will be sent with confirmation of registration.

CONVENTION INFORMATION

For additional information write or call:
Horace L. Kerr or Norman Rodgers
P.O. Box 530
Jackson, MS 39205
(601)968-3800

HIGH ATTENDANCE DAY

Sometime between September and November of each year, Southern Baptist Churches across the state of Mississippi in an adventure called a High Attendance Day. Some churches set their own date, but many strive to have a high attendance on the date suggested by the convention. That date for 1991 is October 27.

As we look forward to this special day, an underlying principle needs to be studied. Many churches approach a high attendance day with anticipation that by reaching the established goal for the day, a new trend in growth will be established. The principle at

work for a high attendance day will not support this concept. A high attendance day should be viewed as the action that will set a direction for the Sunday School for the next several months or years. The attendance on a high attendance Sunday should be an indicator of what the Sunday School could be doing on an on-going basis. If the goal is met or exceeded, a trend in reaching more people could be established which would result in growth. If the high attendance goal is not met, a time of evaluation should be conducted by the church staff and the Sunday School workers. This evaluation may help the church to decide on its priorities, process of planning and conducting an event, organization, or many other items.

BSU SUMMER MISSIONS

TIFFANY DOWNS

School: USM

Place of Service: California



Summer Missions was the best experience of my whole life. I knew that God had called and felt the peace of being right in the CENTER of HIS WILL for my life. I've never been so sure about anything in my life. God taught me so much about love, acceptance, compassion, prejudice, patience, commitment, sacrifice, and the power of prayer. It got rough and frustrating at times, but the rewards and fulfillment were worth every heartache. Jesus died for me, the least I owe is to tell others about Him. Saying "yes" to Summer Missions was the best decision I've made - so many things fell into place in my life because I was being obedient. Just pray and you will know you are called because you will feel the peace of Christ.

CHARLES JACKSON, JR.

School: Delta State

Place of Service: Washington D.C.

Summer Missions is a life changing experience. If you are feeling that God is calling you in any way into the ministry, Summer Missions would be a great learning experience. Missions has shown me a new part of the world in which we live. There are many churches and communities in America that really need someone like you, who is dedicated and committed to God's work. God is calling you. Let God lead you.



KIMBERLY OGLESBEE

School: Mississippi State

Place of Service: California

God used Summer Missions to change my life. There was an unexplainable joy in knowing that God had called me and wanted to use me when I felt so unworthy. I learned through my experience that God can use anyone or any type of personality as long as you're willing. I didn't think I had much to offer when I applied to Summer Missions because I didn't have a real outgoing personality, but when I got to California He made me in ways I never knew I could be used and He gave me a bolder witness. If you're considering Summer Missions GO if you feel God calling you. He'll supply all your needs. I had an incredible summer!

JEFF PINNOW

School: Delta State

Place of Service: Florida

The greatest thing about my experience was just having the opportunity to give my witness to the Lord. I had no focus this summer other than serving the Lord. This opportunity is something I'll probably never had the chance to do again. Seize the opportunity to give back to the Lord during this time in your life when you have the summer to give.



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Plan for High Attendance Sunday on October 27, 1991, to be an indicator for the direction for your Sunday School in reaching people for Christ.

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Clowning draws a crowd

Rankin County Baptists recently held a Late Nite Extra, with the theme "Follow Me, and I Will Make You Fishers of Men," at Pelahatchie Church. The event, presented by the Rankin Lepsog clown troupe under direction of Sally Stevens, First Church, Pelahatchie, drew a crowd of 400. Stevens is shown above, left photo, making participant Brad into a clown. At right, clown "Ruffles" (Jenni Davis of Pelahatchie Church) uses illusion to present the message of the gospel. Other "clowns" who participated were: Davy Briscoe, Alana Bowman, Gretchen Winstead, Clancy Stuart, Rebecca Nutt, Brent Robinson, Misty Miller, and Nikki Miller. The Lepsog troupe also had a tent at the Mississippi State Fair last week, where they presented the gospel through mime, clowning, and illusion.

BookLink expands services

By Jim Burton

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP) — The National Fellowship of Baptist Educators is expanding its BookLink ministry, said Bob Salley, director of the National Fellowship of Baptist Men.

"BookLink has been one of the most successful fellowship ministries," said Salley. The educator's fellowship is one of 14 under the Brotherhood Commission's NFBM umbrella.

Beginning Nov. 1, 1991, James E. Powell, a New Testament theology professor at Mid-America Seminary in Memphis, will become BookLink's executive director.

BookLink ships Bibles and other Christian literature to Christian leaders around the world. Southern Baptist missionaries validate the requests.

Since its inception more than three years ago, BookLink has shipped 47,613 books and items weighing 8.9 tons to five states and 51 countries. The estimated value of all items shipped is \$102,413. The postage has cost nearly \$13,000. Books for the World, a non-profit organization in Yazoo City, Miss., works in alliance with NFBM's BookLink and pays most of the postage.

Hal and Dot Buchanan, retired educators living in Tupelo, Miss., have spearheaded BookLink since its inception. Working from their home, they literally have ministered around the world.

"The Buchanan's BookLink ministry represents the finest in volunteer missions commitment," said James D. Williams, Brotherhood Commission president. "It demonstrates one of the creative ways that lay people can reach the world for Christ."

Southern Baptist layman Owen Cooper is credited with first envisioning a ministry of textbook and Christian literature distribution, said Don McGregor, former editor of the Mississippi Baptist Record, newsjournal of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, who is writing a book on Cooper.

Cooper, who died in 1986, was a Mississippi businessman who started

two corporations, Mississippi Chemical and First Mississippi Corporation. Working primarily in the manufacture and distribution of fertilizer, Cooper's business took him to India. While there he discovered that the Indians needed help with education. His burden for textbook distribution led to the formation of Books for the World.

People wishing to donate Christian literature to BookLink should send it to: James E. Powell, Executive Director, BFTW-BookLink, c/o First Baptist Church, Collierville, TN 38017.

Burton writes for Brotherhood Commission.

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Iraq: more doctors, nurses needed

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Iraq is a land of spiritual excitement — at least for Southern Baptist volunteers and the Kurdish people they encounter.

However, Iraq remains in deep spiritual need — and in critical need of volunteer doctors and nurses for medical clinics among Iraqi Kurds whose ill-fated rebellion against Saddam Hussein became a refugee crisis demanding worldwide intervention.

A continuous flow of short-term medical personnel is needed for mobile clinics in villages in northern Iraq where displaced Kurds are settling. The medical work is among key postwar ministries of the Persian Gulf Response Unit of the Foreign Mission Board.

Three doctors and four nurses are needed for the clinics.

Currently only one Southern Baptist physician and three nurses are working in Iraq. The physician is scheduled to leave Oct. 21.

To date, more than 40 Southern Baptists have worked among the Kurds in northern Iraq. Initially medical volunteers helped staff a clinic at a refugee camp near the city of Zakho. Now the focus of the Southern Baptist effort is clean water and mobile medical clinics in 10 villages where some 35,000 Kurdish refugees have settled.

Cathy Dunn, a nurse who worked in Iraq during August, never had an interest in the Middle East or the

Muslim world until she went there, "and now I'm keenly interested."

Describing the Kurdish people as hard-working, Dunn said many are farmers and shepherds. "Seeing shepherds on the hillside with their staffs and flocks was just like seeing a picture out of my Bible," she added.

Still, she saw harsh realities. "Men carry machine guns, handguns, and other ammunition as a natural part of their dress." Adults — and children — go fishing by exploding hand grenades in a river and collecting the stunned fish.

Dunn treated many Kurdish children with eye, ear, and skin infections from unclean water and other unsanitary conditions.

Letters to the editor

Would Jesus turn them away?

Editor:

I know this won't make me popular to many who read this, but God's spirit has convicted me to say it anyway.

I speak now of racial prejudice in our churches of all Christian denominations, and it is as prevalent in Southern Baptists as it is in any of the others.

I have found that far too many white professing Christians say they are willing to minister to blacks. Yet they say in the same breath that they would not invite them to worship with them in the same church building. They say that "God does not want people of different races to worship him together." They also say "that there will be no skin color or separation of races in heaven." These statements coming from anyone are patently in opposition one to the other. This is a very ungodly witness, for such statements say that Jesus will accept you but we in our church reject you. The fact is that we Christians should accept everyone who comes to our church building who has the right

motive for coming. By that I mean anyone who comes to worship the only true God or who has the desire to learn about God.

Ask yourself one question: Would Jesus turn them away or would he bid them enter? I think you already know the answer, so I ask you in God's name to do that which you believe Jesus would do. We as God's people are commanded to do no less.

Please pray for me and my wonderful wife, Pat, that we continue to daily yield to the Holy Spirit, and allow him to change the many areas in our lives that need changing for him, and we do for you. We send our love to all of you in the name of Jesus Christ.

Rick and Pat Jones
Greenville

Baptist Record commended

Editor:

After reading the Sept. 19, 1991 issue of the Baptist Record, I was convicted that I should share my opinion with you. I want to commend you and the contributing writers for a job well done. I was amazed at the many sub-

jects and pertinent information shared. Mississippi Baptists and their neighbors have access to a weekly news report of happenings within Mississippi Baptist life and the Southern Baptist Convention.

I thought the article about the Mississippi Baptist Convention written by Tom Sumrall was most interesting. Anyone reading this article should be encouraged to plan to attend the Mississippi Baptist Convention, Nov. 12 and 13. My prayer is that Mississippi Baptists and their friends will attend the convention to fulfill God's will.

H. Glenn Schilling
Director of Missions
Simpson Association

Ford's Creek (Pearl River) celebrates 100th

Editor:

Ford's Creek Baptist Church of Pearl River Baptist Association will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 1992 and is searching for information about former pastors with addresses. Please contact Elva Smith, Route 1, Box 96C2, Poplarville, MS 39470.

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Causey

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

Bill Causey Executive Director MS Bapt. Convention Jackson, MS "Building Church On the Word"	John Sullivan Executive Director FL Bapt. Convention Jacksonville, FL "Building Church Through Worship"	Chuck Kelly Asst. Professor Of Evangelism New Orleans, LA "Building Church Through Witness"
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

Jack Millwood Pastor 1st Baptist North Mobile Mobile, AL "Rock of the Church"	Dale Patterson Pastor East Brent Baptist Pensacola, FL "Rapture of the Church"	Gene Henderson Pastor 1st Baptist Brandon, MS "Reason For Church"
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Thursday, October 17, 1991

Robert M. Porter, retired pastor, dies

Robert W. Porter, 87, a retired Baptist minister, died of gastrointestinal bleeding Oct. 9 at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson.

Services were held Oct. 11 at Baldwin-Lee Funeral Home in Jackson.

Porter, a Lexington native, lived in Rome before moving to Clinton. He was educated at Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. He was a pastor at churches in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Tennessee. He last served as minister of Leesburg Church.

He was a member of Morrison Heights Church, Clinton.

Survivors include wife, Thelma; and two sisters.

Staff changes

Mark Bates has been called as the first paid minister of music of First Church, Days, Lake Cormorant, effective Oct. 6. Bates previously served Trinity Church, DeSoto County, and Fair Lawn Church, Memphis. He is married and has a daughter.

River Hill Church in Jackson, Ala. has called Jason Bird as pastor, effective Nov. 3. A native of Meridian, Bird is a graduate of William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary. He has served churches throughout Mississippi as youth minister, most recently as interim at First, Brandon.



Bird

Grays Creek Church, Hernando, has called John H. Crocker as pastor, effective Oct. 13. A native of Scottsboro, Ala., he received his education at Samford University, Birmingham, Ala.; Columbia Biblical Seminary, Columbia, S.C.; and Mid America Seminary, Memphis, Tenn. His previous place of service was in military ministry at Bellevue Church, Memphis.

Missionary news

Robert and Marsha Ford, missionaries to Eastern Europe, are on the field (address: Dolakova 529, Bohnice, 18100 Prague 8, Czechoslovakia). He is a native of St. Augustine, Fla. The former Marsha Waldrep, she was born in New Orleans, La., and considers Holly Springs, Miss., her hometown.

David and Mary Sills, missionaries to Ecuador, have arrived in Costa Rica for language study (address: Apartado 100, 2350 San Francisco de Dos Rios, San Jose, Costa Rica). He is a native of Jackson, Miss. The former Mary Phillips, she was born in Alexandria, La., and considers Jackson her hometown.

Donald and Anne Dent, missionaries to Indonesia, are on the field (address: Jl. Cisangkuy 58, Bandung 40115, Indonesia). Both are natives of Mississippi. He was born in Jackson and considers Holly Springs his hometown. She is the former Anne Jones of Brookhaven.



MBMC BSU students holds prayer retreat

Mississippi Baptist Medical Center's BSU executive council held a prayer retreat led by Danny Rutland, MBMC development officer. The students, from MBMC's schools of medical technology and radiography, left to right, are Billie Huffmaster;

Kathy Bearden, BSU director; Natalie Kinzey; Rutland; Lisa Hall; Mona Lenoir; John Teal; Angela Patterson; Melissa Garner; Stacey Pennock; and Melissa Robinson.

Names in the news

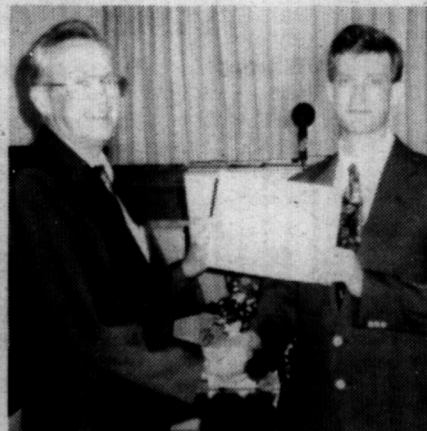
NEW ORLEANS (BP) — "Fulfillment" is the word George W. Harrison uses to describe what he has received from 31 years of service at New Orleans Seminary, now that he is taking medical retirement from his position as professor of Old Testament and Hebrew.

The seminary's student body 30 years ago, Harrison said, totaled only about 800 on campus, with no off-campus extensions. Now, however, over 3,300 students attend the seminary and its extension centers in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, and Puerto Rico.

Strong Hope Church, Copiah Association, ordained Billy Hal Granger and Jackie Lee Mullins as deacons on Sept. 29. Van Windom, pastor of Highland Church and relative of Hal Granger preached the ordination sermon and presented the challenge to the deacons. He was assisted by W. E. Aleander, interim pastor. Hubert McNeill, deacon at Strong Hope since 1927, led the ordination prayer.

Harrisville Church, Harrisville, ordained Wilson Elgene Erwin Jr. as deacon on Aug. 29. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Erwin. Erwin is pastor of Moriah Church in Brookhaven. Dennis E. Allen is pastor of Harrisville Church.

Mrs. Lora Dunaway, a member of Locust Street Church, McComb, attended the World of Poetry Convention in New York City on Sept. 1-3. She read one of her poems, "In Memory of My Love, Leon," and was presented a trophy.



Cliff Temple Church, Natchez, recently licensed and ordained David Tarver, right, to the gospel ministry. Tarver is interim pastor of Meadville Street Baptist Mission in Summit. He is a student at the University of Southern Mississippi. Tarver is pictured with Don Womble, pastor of Cliff Temple Church.



Earl (above) and Dorothy Beeler, Christian Service Corps members from Oxford, recently returned from a 76-day mission trip to New England and Canada. A former pastor of north Mississippi churches, Beeler performs biblical monologues depicting the lives of Peter, Paul, and Moses. On this trip, he presented the monologues 26 times. The Beelers are available to share slides, experiences, and monologues. They can be reached at Rt. 5, Box 113A, Oxford, MS 38655, phone (601) 234-2629.

Kathie Sullivan, a former member of Lawrence Welk Show and now a fulltime Christian music artist, will be in concert, Sunday, Oct. 20, in two Mississippi churches. She will sing at First Church, Crystal Springs, 11 a.m. and Parkway Church, Jackson, 6 p.m. A love offering will be taken.

Mrs. Daniels dies

Mrs. Oster Daniels, Carthage, wife of a retired pastor, died Monday, Oct. 6. Funeral services were held Oct. 8 at 10 a.m. at First Church, Carthage, where her husband, Oster Daniels, is a former pastor.

Straight Bayou will celebrate centennial

Harvest Day and centennial celebration will be held at Straight Bayou Church, Anguilla (Sharkey-Issaquenna Association) Nov. 3, beginning at 9:45 a.m.

C. C. Carraway, oldest living former pastor, will preach the morning message. J. Harold Jones, who served the longest tenure (17 years), will share a testimony.

Also, Jack Gunn of the state Baptist Historical Commission will make a presentation in honor of the church's 100 years of service to the Lord.

There will be a "dinner on the grounds" after the service and an afternoon singing at 1:30 featuring a family trio from Greenville. A history of the church will be presented.

Brad Banks is pastor.

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Carnival workers go through the "chow line" prepared by Woman's Missionary Union of Big Level Church, Wiggins.

Big Level WMU feeds carnival workers' bodies and spirits

The Woman's Missionary Union of Big Level Church, Wiggins, sponsored a mission project for carnival workers during the Gulf Coast area's "fair," Sept. 10-14.

Church members donated food and cooking time to provide a spaghetti lunch for over 50 carnival workers. The women also gave out 30 Bibles and tracts, which were well-received,

according to Lenona Jones, WMU member at Big Level.

It is reported that one of the carnival workers said, "No one has ever given us a drink of water, and I've been working with the carnival for 12 years."

The WMU plans to sponsor the same project next year. Charlie Rempal is pastor at Big Level.

Homecomings

McCarley (Carroll): Oct. 20; program begins at 10 a.m.; Bennie Watson, message; fellowship meal, noon; Clyde K. Schiele, pastor.

New Hope, Foxworth (Marion): Oct. 20; 11 a.m.; Joe Hinton, Liberty, S.C., guest speaker; covered dish on grounds at noon; singspiration in 7 p.m. service; Kent Campbell, pastor.

East Salem, Leakesville: Oct. 20, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship service, 11 a.m.; dinner on the grounds, noon, followed by special music; Lavon Smith, speaker.

Jayess Church (Lawrence): Oct. 20; Richard Green, morning message, 11 a.m.; lunch at noon with afternoon singing; Raymond Jeffcoat, pastor.

Bentonita (Yazoo): 85th anniversary, Oct. 20; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; Courtney Selvy, pastor, Hardy Church, guest speaker; dinner in fellowship hall following services and special music in sanctuary; Joe E. Wright Jr., pastor.

New Hope (Tate): Oct. 20; services, 10 a.m.; noon meal, 12:15 p.m.; afternoon services and singing, 1:30 p.m.

Chunky (Newton): Oct. 20; 11 a.m.; Bill Causey, executive director-treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, guest speaker; covered dish in Family Life Building, noon; singing, 1:45 p.m.; New Heart, Louisville, guest singers; Wayne Campbell, pastor.

Oloh, Sumrall (Lamar): Oct. 20; 9:45 a.m.; Jipper Williford, pastor, speaker; dinner in fellowship hall at noon; singing, 1:45 p.m.; Charlie Steelman, Mobile, Ala., guest singer.

Fellowship, Mendenhall: Oct. 20; R. C. Rice, former pastor, morning message; lunch in fellowship hall; Glenn Kelly, pastor.

Byram, Jackson: Oct. 20; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; services, 11 a.m.; Ken Harrison, Magee, guest speaker; covered dish in fellowship hall, noon; afternoon singing with The Master Men from Flowood Church, guest singers; James D. Whittington, pastor.

Blythe Creek Church, Mathiston: Oct. 20; covered dish dinner will be served at noon; singing group, Genesis, will sing in afternoon at 1:30; Olyn F. Roberts, pastor.

Revival dates

New Zion, Crystal Springs: Oct. 18-20; Robert Parrish, Rocky Point Church, Carthage, evangelist; Doug Spires, New Zion Church, music; Fri. and Sat., 7 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Leroy J. Brewer Jr., pastor.

Popp's Ferry Church, Biloxi: Oct. 20-24; different guest speaker each night; Gerald Simmons, member of Pass Road Church, Gulfport, music evangelist; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon-Thurs., 7 p.m.; John Landrum, pastor.

Woodhaven, Ocean Springs (Jackson): Oct. 20-23; Donnie Guy, Sharon Church, Long Beach, evangelist; Burl Cooley, Woodhaven Church, Ocean Springs, music; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon-Wed., 7 p.m.; Tracy W. Martin, pastor.

Mt. Zion Osyka: Oct. 20-25; T. W. Terral, DOM of Judson Association, Baton Rouge, La., guest evangelist; Billy Ready, Atlanta, Ga., music; The Gloryland Quartet, McComb, will be guest singers on Sunday; Earl Warren is pastor.

Grays Creek, Hernando (Northwest): Oct. 20-23; John H. Crocker, new pastor at Grays Creek Church, evangelist; W. D. Gardner, Grays Creek Church, music; services, 7 p.m.

Derma (Calhoun): Oct. 20-24; Roy McHenry, First Church, Okolona, evangelist; Kim Parker, Derma Church, music; services, 7 p.m.; S. C. "Sonny" Kelly, pastor.

UMC will host AIDS conference

"Being There — AIDS 1991 — Health Professionals Respond" will be presented Nov. 20-21 at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson.

Nationally, 179,694 people have been diagnosed with AIDS and more than 115,984 have died. In Mississippi 771 cases have been diagnosed and 461 have died with the AIDS virus.

The conference will benefit physicians, nurses, social workers, clergy, and health-related professionals. Registration fee is \$20. Call (601) 984-1300 for more information.

Just for the Record



The "Naturals," a Mississippi College singing troupe, will perform on Saturday, Oct. 19, at 3 p.m. in Swor Auditorium as a part of homecoming activities. Pictured, first row, left to right: John Bullock, Jackson; Beth Young, Vicksburg; Cheryl Simons, West Point; Charles McLendon, Richland. Second row, Stephen Barnett, Clinton; Shauna Moody, Odessa, Texas; Ben Buchanan, Indianola; Mary Greenlee, Clouston, Fla.; Jennifer Malone, Jackson; Joel Bowie, Clinton; Karen Redd, Brookhaven; Greg Owen, Jackson; Tim Moak, Bogie Chitto. Third row, Brent Fountain, Natchez; Clay Whittington, Richland; Mendi Sims, Richton; Jason Roberson, Clinton; Audra Magee, Clinton; Jason Ball, Florence; and Stan Pace, Morton.

Sunday, Oct. 20, Temple Church, Jackson and Southern Hills Church, Jackson, will join together for Sunday School and morning and evening worship services at Southern Hills Church. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m., and evening worship at 6. Wayne Crenshaw, pastor of Temple Church will be speaker for the day.

Springdale Church, Tippah Association, will observe its 30th anniversary on Oct. 20. Robert Walker, first pastor of the church, will preach the anniversary message at 11 a.m. Dinner served on the grounds. Afternoon singing featuring The Norville Family and The McAlister Family will be from 1:30-3 p.m. Maurice Pinkston is pastor.



Bill Causey, executive director, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was guest speaker for the Clarke College church-related vocations banquet held on Oct. 3. This event, sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, is held in honor of students studying for the gospel ministry and/or church-related vocations. Pictured are Charles Melton, Eddie Ruddick, and James Read with Causey, center.

"Church — A Family Event" will be the theme of the 50th anniversary celebration of Woolmarket Church, Biloxi, on Sunday, Oct. 20. M. L. Faler is pastor.

Easthaven Church, Richland, will sponsor a crafts, bake sale, and barbecue, Saturday, Oct. 19, on the parking lot at Rosie's, Pearl.

Castlewood Church, Rankin Association, is having special services entitled "A Time of Renewal," Oct. 20-23. Sunday services will be 8:30 and 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday services will be each night at 7. Charlie Grigsby of First Church, Moss Bluff, La., and Robbe Mahaffey of First Church, Brandon, will lead this series of meetings.

Delores A. Atchison, of Arkansas, dies

Delores A. Atchison, 55, died Sept. 15 at Baptist Medical Center in Little Rock, Ark. Mrs. Atchison was a resident of Harrison, Ark., where her husband, L. B. Atchison, serves as director of missions for the North Arkansas Baptist Association.

Before moving to Arkansas, she resided in Covington and Jefferson Davis counties where her husband served as director of missions for 12 years. Mrs. Atchison served as associational secretary.

Survivors include her husband, L. B. Atchison and a daughter, Kimberleigh Paige Atchison of Harrison.

Revival results

Bethlehem (Jones): Sept. 22-25; evangelist Jerry Pipes, Lewisville, Texas; 18 professions of faith and two by letter; Valton Douglas, pastor.

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What kind of God do you serve?

By Kiely D. Young
Acts 17

What is your concept of God? Do you have God in a neat little package that you can define, understand, and communicate with? Is your god someone that dwells in the church building where you worship? Is your god something that dwells within you for your convenience? On the other hand, do you serve the God of the universe who is all-powerful, ever-present, all-knowing, who was, is, and is to come?



Young

As Paul made his second mission journey he discovered all of the above and more. It seems that man's ideas of God haven't changed much with the passing of time. Yet, as Paul came to Athens, he discovered a group of people who wanted to make every god happy. So just to be safe, they had an altar to the unknown god. "The Greek religion was a mere deification of human attributes and powers of nature," wrote Conybeare and

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Howson in *Life and Epistles of Paul*. "It was a religion which ministered to art and amusement, and was entirely destitute of moral power."

The insufficiency of human wisdom (Acts 17:22, 23). "Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious . . . I found an altar TO THE UNKNOWN GOD." There were two groups of thought in Athens. The Epicureans believed . . . (1) everything happened by chance; (2) death was the end of all; (3) gods were remote from the world and did not care; and, (4) pleasure was the chief end of man. The Stoics believed . . . (1) everything was God; (2) everything was fated and the will of God, therefore must be accepted; and (3) every so many years the world disintegrated in a conflagration and then started all over again.

Paul responded to their confused beliefs simply telling them that they worshipped ignorantly. They needed a better understanding of wisdom and truth. Paul was quick to give a masterful explanation.

The unsearchableness of the divine nature (Acts 17:24-29). Paul's sermon on Mars Hill explained to the Council of Areopagus, who had responsibility of overseeing religion in Athens, who God is and what he is like. Briefly stated, (1) he is creator of all things (vv. 24-25); (2) he is sovereign and sufficient (v. 26); (3) he made all men that they should seek him and find him for he is near (vv. 27-28); and he is Spirit.

Paul describes the unlimited nature of God. He is ever-present. One may cut himself off from his fellow man but never from the presence of God. God is all-knowing. There is no limit to his knowledge. Just as we are never left alone, so we never go unnoticed. God is all-powerful. Just as by speaking, he created the heavens and the earth, he upholds the world by his power and nothing is impossible for him.

The hymnwriter has penned it well in "How Great Thou Art": "O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder, Consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow'r thro'out the universe displayed. When thro' the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; When I look down from lofty moun-

tain grandeur, and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze . . . Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee, how great thou art . . ."

The incomparable grace of Christ (Acts 17:30-31). Paul then brought this group to a point of reality. God had been patient with the ignorance of men, not that he was ignoring their sin, but that he had been holding back his wrath. But, "He hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained" (v. 31). Paul stated that God commanded all men to repent, for judgment and coming. After repentance and forgiveness came the promise of the resurrection. Some of the Council of Areopagus mocked the thought of the resurrection, but some believed.

"And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in; That on the cross my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou Art!"

Young is pastor, First, Greenville.

Paul calls for moral purity and discipline

By Randy W. Turner
I Corinthians 5:1-6:20

Fred Craddock, a leading proponent of the inductive approach to preaching, would be proud of Paul's sermon in I Corinthians 5 and 6. Paul deals with a number of issues on his way to the one main point. He confronts immorality in the church (Chapter 5:1-13, particularly verses 6-11). He approaches the shame of using pagan law courts in Chapter 6, verses 1-8, particularly verses 1 and 2. He returns to the issue of moral purity in Chapter 6, verses 9-20 but particularly verses 15-20. He



Turner

at last brings us to the point of it all which summarizes and brings together everything he said to this point. In I Corinthians 6:19-20 he asks this very important question: "Do you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are God's."

Paul seemed to be shocked in Chapter 5, verse 1 when he stated that it was actually

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reported that there was sexual immorality among the Corinthians. It was as if he could not believe it. It was unthinkable to him that a Christian would behave in such a way. William Barclay reminds us that in sexual matters the heathen did not know the meaning of chastity. They took their pleasure when and where they wanted it. It was so hard for the Christian church to escape the infection.

Shocked as he was at the sin, Paul was even more shocked at the attitude of the Corinthian church to the sinner. They had complacently accepted the situation and done nothing about it when they should have been grief-stricken. Paul's verdict is that a man must be dealt with. This opens up the matter of church discipline. Paul favored church discipline and believed that a man guilty of such sin should be put out of the church. We have to note that even a punishment as serious as that was not meant to be vindictive. It was in order to humiliate the man to bring about the taming and the eradication of his lusts so that in the end his spirit should be saved.

Paul, striking at this hideous immorality with

heat and force, sternly commanded the exclusion of the sinner. He also attacked on the ground of the diabolical power of infection possessed by evil and illustrated that by the very obvious metaphor of leaven, a morsel of which, as he says, "will leaven the whole lump" (I Corinthians 5:6). Paul had advised the church at Corinth to avoid evil men. He was not condoning a kind of Christianity which withdrew from the world. To him it was something that had to be lived out in the world. "God," as the old saint said to John Wesley, "knows nothing of solitary religion." Paul would have agreed with that.

Paul then, in Chapter 6, moves to the folly of the law courts, the shame of using pagan law. Paul seizes the great essential principle that to go to law at all and especially to go to law with a brother is to fall far below the Christian standard of behavior. Long ago Plato had laid it down that the good man will always choose to suffer wrong rather than to do wrong. If the Christian has even the remotest tinge of the love of Christ within his heart, he will rather suffer insult and loss and injury than to try to inflict them on someone else and still more so if that person is a brother. The spirit of love will insist that one live at peace with his brother. We live in a very litigious society as did the Greeks

and there are times when the legal approach through the courts of law is our only recourse. Even then it should be done with Christian love as our supreme motivation.

In Chapter 6, verses 9-11 Paul breaks out into a terrible catalogue of sins that is a grim commentary on the debauched civilization in which the Corinthian church was growing up. After this dreadful catalogue of vices, natural and unnatural, comes Paul's shout of triumph, "And such were some of you." The proof of Christianity lay in its power. It could take the dregs of humanity and make them into men. It could take men lost to shame and make them sons of God. There were in Corinth and all over the world men who were living proofs of the recreating power of Christ. The power of Christ is still the same. No man can change himself but Christ can change him.

Finally, Paul brings his message to a conclusion and finely focuses it into one single point. Parenthetically, every good sermon should have just one point. "Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God. You are not your own. You were bought at a price." And what a great price it was. "Therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are God's."

Turner is pastor, Parkway Church, Natchez.

Benefits are an important part of society

By Don Dobson
Psalms 19:7-8, 119:1-16

Hardly a day goes by when you and I are not bombarded by some product on television. As the announcer pushes the product, we are told



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about the wonderful benefits that we will receive just by using this item. Benefits are an important part of our society. We want, and rightly so, to know about our insurance benefits, our retirement benefits, our club member benefits, etc., etc. Indeed, benefits mean much to us.

God's Word has much to say about benefits. Psalms 19 and 119 tell us that we can receive many benefits by studying, obeying, and applying his Word to our lives.

Today we notice that . . .
I. We Receive Contentment From God's Word (19:7-8).

The psalmist in this case is David. He reminds us that through the obeying of God's law, one receives renewal, joy, wisdom, and enlightenment.

After one is renewed, there is a definite sense of contentment. An inner contentment that

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comes with knowing and living the precepts of God.

Contentment is closely kin to joy. The word joy simply means "to delight in." There are several variations of this word, but I believe delight captures its true essence. David tells us that if we are to be contented, we must delight in God's Word.

II. We Receive Happiness (119:1-3).

A popular song of a few years ago told us, "Don't Worry, Be Happy." I'm sure this simple ditty made the artist millions of dollars. However, is it that easy to be happy? Many today are desperately looking for happiness. We are told today, that we can find happiness in a bottle, a can, a pill, a fast car, a bed, and in many other devices. Can we really? I don't think so. God's Word tells us that we find happiness in following his way. Now here's a real benefit of life. The psalmist instructs us to be blameless in our dealings with the world, to walk God's way, and seek the heavenly Father with all our hearts. By doing this, we are assured of real happiness. And after all, real happiness beats fabricated happiness any day.

III. We Receive Stability (119:4-8).

A few weeks ago, I went on a fishing trip with

one of my deacons. As we "flew" across the water at an unimaginable speed, I was amazed at the stability of his boat. I never once felt less than safe and secure. The boat performed as expected.

So it is as I study God's Word. It is, without a doubt, the stabilizing force of life. God has laid down his precepts and laws. Not for punishment or discipline, but rather for our own stability. When we choose to study and obey the Scripture, we find the leveling force in our life that can be defined as stability.

Remember the fishing trip? I was thankful for the stability of Eddie's boat that morning

on the Pascagoula River. I will always be thankful for the benefit of stability found in God's Word.

IV. We Receive Joy (119:12-16).

What is the source of your joy? Is it your job, your money, your family? The psalmist tells that we are to derive our joy from the Word of God. We are to find a joyful state of being in following the commands of God. David, in Psalm 51, said, "Restore to me the joy of your salvation." Perhaps, if we meditated on God's Word, the benefit of joy would come crashing down.

Dobson is pastor, Collins Church, Collins.

CCS installs new board

CHRISTIAN CONCILIATION SERVICE OF CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI, Jackson, has begun a new year of its ministry of reconciliation with the installation of a new board of directors and advisory council. Mississippi Baptists who will serve on the council are Hap Hederman of Jackson; as chairwoman, Mary Libby Payne of the MC School of Law; and Steve Stone, pastor. CCS president John Milner reports that Vicki Kent has been hired as co-director. He also reports that CCS seeks volunteers willing to give their "time, energy, and support . . . to assist" in the efforts of the ministry.

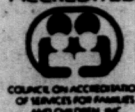
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THE VILLAGE DOLLAR — ANNUAL REPORT IN SUMMARY

Again in 1991, the Village accounts to local churches and interested individuals through the medium of excerpts from our auditor's report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1991, as an alternative to the publication of a booklet-form ANNUAL REPORT. In adopting this format, we conserve a substantial sum formally invested in the booklet-form, and we follow the advices of professionals who counsel that such a publication is no longer viable. In addition to our customary additional reports to Mississippi Baptist Convention and to each Baptist Association, interested churches and individuals may require supplemental financial information by writing: Rev. Ronny E. Robinson, Executive Director, The Baptist Children's Village, P. O. Box 27, Clinton, Mississippi 39060-0027.

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STATEMENTS OF CURRENT FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND OTHER CHANGES FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 1991 AND 1990

	JUNE 30,	
	1991	1990
OPERATING REVENUES		
Contributed income:		
Cooperative program	\$ 379,305	\$ 360,192
Designated gifts	1,748,091	1,794,930
Parental support	173,399	156,338
	<u>2,300,795</u>	<u>2,311,460</u>
Investment income	198,160	165,268
	<u>2,498,955</u>	<u>2,476,728</u>
OPERATING EXPENDITURES		
Administrative and development	180,541	189,637
Children's needs	274,003	263,970
Facility expense	504,015	483,148
Interest, taxes and retirement	210,041	223,898
Salaries	1,168,004	1,086,458
	<u>2,336,604</u>	<u>2,247,111</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES BEFORE TRANSFERS	<u>162,351</u>	<u>229,617</u>
TRANSFERS — ADDITIONS (DEDUCTIONS)		
Transfers to plant fund for plant acquisitions	(29,617)	(16,177)
Transfers to plant fund — property gifts		(28,900)
Transfers for debt principal and interest	(72,728)	(90,265)
Transfers on plant fund dispositions		137,590
	<u>(102,345)</u>	<u>2,248</u>
NET INCREASE IN FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 60,006</u>	<u>\$ 231,865</u>

THE AUDITOR'S REPORT FURTHER REVEALS:

*At 6/30/91 total assets of The Baptist Children's Village were valued at \$4,647,085, as compared to the value of \$4,615,061 on the same date in 1990. Despite the impact of mandated accounting standards noted below, Village fund balances, the equivalent of net worth, increased by almost \$100,000.00 or about 2.5%.

*Village liability of every character on 6/30/91 amounted to \$557,901, having been reduced by the sum of \$130,824 or about 20% from the aggregate of all agency liability on 6/30/90.

*Endowment fund balances on 6/30/91 stood at \$1,763,542, an improvement of \$139,637 or about .08% since 6/30/90.

*Effective for the first time in F/Y 1991, The Village, in compliance with Statement of Financial Standards No. 93, was obliged to retroactively com-

THE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S VILLAGE JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI BALANCE SHEETS AT JUNE 30, 1991 AND 1990

ASSETS

	JUNE 30,	
	1991	1990
CURRENT FUND		
Cash	\$ 75,847	\$ 45,691
Accounts receivable	171,764	196,754
Note receivable (Note 2)	23,201	27,361
Investments (Notes 1 and 3)	30,029	28,737
Other assets	6,410	4,322
Total current fund	<u>307,251</u>	<u>302,865</u>
ENDOWMENT FUND		
Cash	22,981	14,022
Accrued interest	724	
Investments:		
Securities (Notes 1 and 3)	25,526	25,526
Mississippi Baptist Foundation	1,521,615	1,391,310
Funds held in trust by others	92,752	92,752
Real estate and producing royalty	96,300	96,300
Other	3,644	3,995
Total endowment fund	<u>1,763,542</u>	<u>1,623,905</u>
PLANT FUND (Notes 1 and 4)		
Land — campuses	709,839	709,839
Land — other	128,735	128,735
Buildings, improvements, furnishings and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>1,737,718</u>	<u>1,849,717</u>
Total plant fund	<u>2,576,292</u>	<u>2,688,291</u>
	<u>\$4,647,085</u>	<u>\$4,615,061</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

	JUNE 30,	
	1991	1990
CURRENT FUND		
Accounts payable	\$ 53,906	\$ 69,957
Notes payable (Note 5)	105,401	175,293
Accrued expenses	51,049	45,929
Other liabilities	2,144	1,941
Education fund	25,000	
Fund balance	69,751	9,745
Total current fund	<u>307,251</u>	<u>302,865</u>
ENDOWMENT FUND		
Fund balance	<u>1,763,542</u>	<u>1,623,905</u>
PLANT FUND		
Notes payable (Note 5)	384,081	388,020
Accrued interest	7,320	7,585
Fund balance	<u>2,184,891</u>	<u>2,292,686</u>
Total plant fund	<u>2,576,292</u>	<u>2,688,291</u>
	<u>\$4,647,085</u>	<u>\$4,615,061</u>

mence the depreciation of its capitalized assets. As a result, Plant Fund balances were decreased at July 1, 1989 by accumulated depreciation and Plant Fund net assets were decreased at 6/30/90 with F/Y 1991 Depreciation reflected and added in the current report.

*Operating revenues — critical to the continuation of Village ministries at or near current levels — continue to decrease. In the year embraced by this report Memorial gifts and gifts at Mother's Day joined Back to School and Dress a Child at Easter contributions in recording serious decreases in receipts. There is no reduction in the needs of "Mississippi's Largest Family" or in the number of boys and girls who depend upon this ministry for a chance in life — sometimes the last chance! The Village has carefully used and conserved its financial resources. It deserves and must have your support in a reasonably increased measure.

BYW team member doesn't quite fit the mold

By Karen Benson

MOSCOW (BP) — There was at least one member of the 26-member Baptist Young Women Enterprisers Abroad team to the Soviet Union who didn't quite fit the mold.

It wasn't this member hadn't done the required 50 hours of training and preparation for the trip. And it wasn't that this member hadn't raised the money needed to finance the trip to distribute Russian language New Testaments and perform other ministries throughout the Soviet Union.

It just so happens this particular member of the Baptist Young Women Enterprisers Abroad team is not a woman.

But Dan Brown, 33-year-old pastor of Mt. Garfield Church in Palisade, Colo., didn't let his gender stop him from signing up for the team, sponsored by Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union for women ages 18-34.

The reason is simple. It was a chance to fulfill a lifelong dream to share Christ in the Soviet Union.

Besides, his wife, Jan, insisted.

It wasn't important they didn't have the money for the trip. Nor that time was short to raise the funds. Jan learned of the opportunity last May through a friend in Baptist Young Women, the missions organization in Southern Baptist churches for women ages 18-34. The deadline for placing a deposit and reserving a spot was July 15.

Immediately, when Jan learned of the trip, she knew her husband had to go. "Dan has had an intense interest in the Soviet Union ever since he was about 12 or 13 years old," she said.

"He began to follow current events in the Soviet Union. He took Russian language in college and was so good at it his professors wanted him to major in it. He has always had the desire to travel there."

Since becoming a Christian after graduating from college, her husband's interest in the Soviet Union expanded to include a concern for the spiritual development of the Soviet people, she said. He developed "an appreciation and understanding of the lack of Bibles over there," she said. "The lack of God's Word there has always bothered him. He has a burden for people who have never had the opportunity to learn about God."

Jan, herself, didn't have a desire to go to the Soviet Union. But she desperately wanted Dan to have the chance.

The nature of this particular trip — distribution of Russian language New Testaments in Moscow (in the Russian Republic), in Yalta (in the Crimean region of the Ukrainian Republic), and in Bishkek in Kyrgyzstan (formerly known as Kirghizia) — cinched it.

It was through reading the Bible by himself that Dan had become a Christian, not through church experiences or being led to Christ by other Christians. Instead, his acceptance of Christ as his personal Savior came through reading the Scriptures on his own. "After graduating from college, I started what I thought would be a great career in business counseling," Dan recalls. "But it didn't work out, and I went through an intense personal struggle for several months. I discovered it was harder than I thought, and I quickly lost confidence in myself. I thought I'd be so good at it, and it ended up terrible. I felt very, very low."



Dan Brown shares his faith in God with a young Soviet citizen in Red Square, Moscow. (Photograph by Mike Day)

"After several weeks, I thought I'd start going to my mother's church (a different denomination). I quickly discovered that that was the only time during the week that I felt any peace."

After several weeks of attending church and really enjoying it, Brown met a Christian man who encouraged him to "seek the kingdom of God."

"So, I went to my pastor to ask him, 'How can I know God?' 'How can I seek his kingdom?' That's when I got the shock of my life. I left there one hour later knowing nothing more than when I arrived," Brown said.

"One day several weeks later, I decided I wanted my own Bible. I went out and bought my very first Bible. It was the Open Bible, with Christian Life Study outlines in the middle of it. Over a two-week period, I read through 15 studies. Through reading those, and Scriptures, and commentaries with it, I discovered my need, the love of Christ, and how I could have a life in Christ."

As a result, Brown accepted the Lord at home by himself one day.

"I felt almost an immediate call, or at least a desire, for full-time ministry for Christ," Brown said. Within 14 months of his conversion experience, he was enrolled in Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif.

He has since served as an associate pastor in the Denver area, as associate pastor and minister of youth in Pueblo, Colo., and as minister of discipleship at a Baptist church in Archer City, Texas. Now, he and Jan, who have a 4-year-old daughter, Melissa, minister at a mission church in Palisade, where attendance has built to about 30 regular Sunday attenders. But the tug to share Christ overseas has never left him. "Since I've been a Christian, I have longed for the opportunity to go overseas anywhere to broaden my perspective of the needs, and to share my testimony with those who don't know Christ," he said.

"When Jan came home one day and said, 'How would you like to go to the Soviet Union for 10 days?' — I nearly

dropped my teeth!" Brown said.

When he learned it would be with a team of Baptist Young Women, that didn't faze him one bit. "All I said was, 'Sounds good to me!'" he said, laughing. "I have always had a healthy respect for WMU. That's really grown in the last 15 months."

As soon Jan told him of the possibility, "we made a decision almost on the spot," Brown said. "Jan's enthusiasm just floored me. She didn't want to go. But she wanted me to go. She was willing to commit so much to this without she, herself, going. I immediately started through the training. With my pastoral duties,

it took extra time, but it was worth it."

Too, the Lord's timing was "amazing," Brown said. "Shortly after hearing about the trip and making a decision, we received our very first tax refund from the IRS. That provided a little over one-third of the amount needed from that one check, alone," he said.

A \$500 gift from his parents, gifts from members of their church, a Vacation Bible School love offering from children in a neighboring church (which was matched by that church), money Jan earned taking care of an ill, elderly woman, plus other gifts from individuals added up to just the right amount needed to finance the trip.

Dan started brushing up on his Russian, and in the short months from May until the Aug. 30 orientation weekend and Sept. 2 departure, he crammed in the 50 hours of training required for participation in the BYW Enterprisers Abroad program.

In the end, it was worth every sacrifice of time and money, Brown said.

He was one of the first to give his testimony in Moscow's Red Square. Standing on boxes filled with Russian language New Testaments, he shared through an interpreter how Christ had changed his life, and how Christ could do the same for the Soviet people. After that Red Square service, Brown personally led a young man in the crowd to the Lord.

He also sang a solo in a morning worship service in Bishkek, and preached a sermon at the church that afternoon. At the conclusion of the afternoon service, he led another young man to Christ.

Throughout the days in the Soviet Union, Brown personally talked (in Russian) to hundreds of people one-on-one as he distributed Bibles, Russian language tracts, and other Christian literature in the Russian language.

"These wonderful people are so

eager to talk about Christ, to receive his Word, and to even talk with foreigners about God and the hope he offers them. What a wonderful sign this is for the opportunity to help spread the gospel in this vast country," Brown said.

"I am just overwhelmed by their hunger for God and his Word, and by the friendliness and love of the Soviet people."

Southern Baptists in Colorado and members of Brown's own church can expect to be hearing more about the needs in the Soviet Union, as Brown returns with a series of challenges for them.

"I personally plan to challenge my church to become involved in a sister-church relationship with a church in Kirghizia, to keep the needs of Soviet Christians in general before them, and to encourage much greater mission awareness around the world," Brown said. Even before the trip, Brown challenged his church to pray about how they could personally be involved, he said. A mission trip for the entire church might be in the making as a result of the experience, he predicted.

And the possibility that the Lord may be calling the Brown family to a place of service in the Soviet Union is a strong possibility, as well, Brown admits.

Jan, too, is preparing for what may lie ahead, she said. "God has really been dealing with me these past few weeks," she said shortly before Dan left on the trip. "He's been helping me deal with my fear of leaving family and friends, of my fear of raising a child overseas, of my fear of leaving roots. God has really been working on me," she said.

"God has blessed me with time to prepare me for this possibility — because I know Dan will return changed."

There's no question in Dan's mind about it. He is returning changed. And it was a Baptist Young Women's Enterprisers Abroad experience that did it.

But to his way of thinking, Brown asserts, "I was the luckiest one on the team!"

Benson writes for WMU.

Free Bibles compete with Russian parliament session

NEW YORK (ABS) — The opening session of the Russian parliament found itself competing on Sept. 19 with a rush of deputies and staff trying to get hold of their own copies of the Bible, reports Maurice Harvey, photojournalist for the United Bible Societies.

Fifteen minutes into the afternoon session, the parliament's chairman sent word to the Bible Society team distributing the Scriptures to stop giving out the Bibles for a while so that the parliament could have a quorum and get on with the agenda. But no one left the line, and Bible Society workers found it impossible to stop the distribution because the crowd of deputies pressed against the Bible stand.

A truck load of 6,000 Bibles and New Testaments arrived at the Russian parliament building, also known as the White House, on Thursday morning for distribution at 2 p.m., but by 1:15 p.m. deputies were already forming a line in the lobby of the majestic white building where the Russian government conducts business. The Bible Society located in Moscow obtained permission for the distribution from the parliament's authorities, and offered the choice of three editions of Scripture: 2,000 Russian Bibles, 2,000 Russian Children's Bibles, and 2,000 Russian New Testaments, all of which were provided by the United Bible Societies.

As word spread through the building, more and more people came: office workers, cooks in their white hats, waitresses from the cafeteria in their aprons, security guards, and deputies, distinct with their badges of office. Several television crews, including U.S. reporters, present to cover the debate on the Russian economy, were drawn to the lobby when they saw the excitement. The event received one and a half minutes' coverage on Russian television's evening news that same day.

Vassily Moksyakou, distribution manager of the Bible Society, said: "The last time I saw Russian people so eager for something was back in 1956 when the Pepsi-Cola company offered free samples of Pepsi at the opening of the first American Exhibition in the USSR."

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